





# LAST 2 VAN HEUTSZ HOSTAGES SAID SAFE

## Dr. Wang Passes Through Colony

Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, China's Foreign Minister, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning from Shanghai by Pan-American plane. He is on his way to attend the United Nations conference at Paris as head of the Chinese delegation. He is accompanied by three other members of the Foreign Ministry.

Dr. Wang and his three companions continued their flight this morning to Bangkok. They were forced to make an overnight stop here because of bad flying weather near the Siamese capital.

The last two remaining hostages, seized by pirates nine months ago in the piracy of the 4,500-ton Dutch liner, Van Heutsz, are now safe in Canton, according to Chinese press messages yesterday.

The two are American-educated Mr. Parkson Chan, Committee member of the Swatow Bureau of China's Oversea Chinese Affairs Ministry, and Mr. Tan Keng-piat, Amoy merchant and rubber planter at Singapore.

The men reached Canton yesterday from Wuchow and made a report to Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung Province, and to the Kwangtung military authorities.

The Insurance Department of the Wing On Company's branch at Swatow, reported previously as

still missing, is safe in Swatow. The report did not say how he escaped or under what conditions his release was effected.

The arrival at Canton of Mr. Parkson Chan and Mr. Tan Keng-piat, accounts for all six men taken off the Van Heutsz by pirates on December 19, 1947, last in Disa Bay.

Mr. Chan told the press at Canton yesterday that he and his companion moved from place to place over more than 20 different occasions. They were not ill-treated but the food was inferior and the living conditions were bad. As a result both men had lost considerable weight and were suffering from general weakness.

### Pirates Pursued

Mr. Chan denied that they were rescued by Chinese troops. He said the pirates were pursued by troops on a number of occasions but they always managed to elude the soldiers.

He said that the last hideout was only about 10 miles from Wuchow. When the Hong Kong police arrested members of the gang, the pirates became nervous. They expected a large-scale operation against them by Chinese troops.

When this did not materialize they settled down and steadily the precautions taken against the escape of their hostages were slackened.

Taking advantage of the situation Mr. Chan and Mr. Tan escaped on September 9 and made their way to Wuchow, with the assistance of Chinese soldiers met a few miles from the pirates' hideout.

Mr. Parkson Chan was educated at Columbia University in America.

# WEDEMAYER ON CHINA MISSION?

Shanghai, September 17.

The Chinese afternoon paper, Ta Chung Yeh Pao, claimed in a Nanking dispatch today that Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer is returning to China in the nearest future with a large-scale military aid programme.

Quoting authoritative sources, the report said the programme was mapped out following visits by Dr. Chou Li-fu, (reported leader of the U. S. China) to the Secretary of State Mr. Marshall and General Wedemeyer during the former's visit to Washington. (In Nanking, the U. S. Embassy spokesman told United Press that he has heard nothing of the reported programme or General Wedemeyer's visit. The report was also carried by the Nanking paper, Evening News.) The newspaper dispatch said

that as a result of the conference United States policymakers reached the conclusion that China at present requires large-scale emergency military aid.

Dr. Chou, the dispatch said, informed U. S. officials of conditions in China and the United States immediately drafted a new programme which will be executed under General Wedemeyer's personal care.

The report cannot be confirmed by any other source.—United Press.

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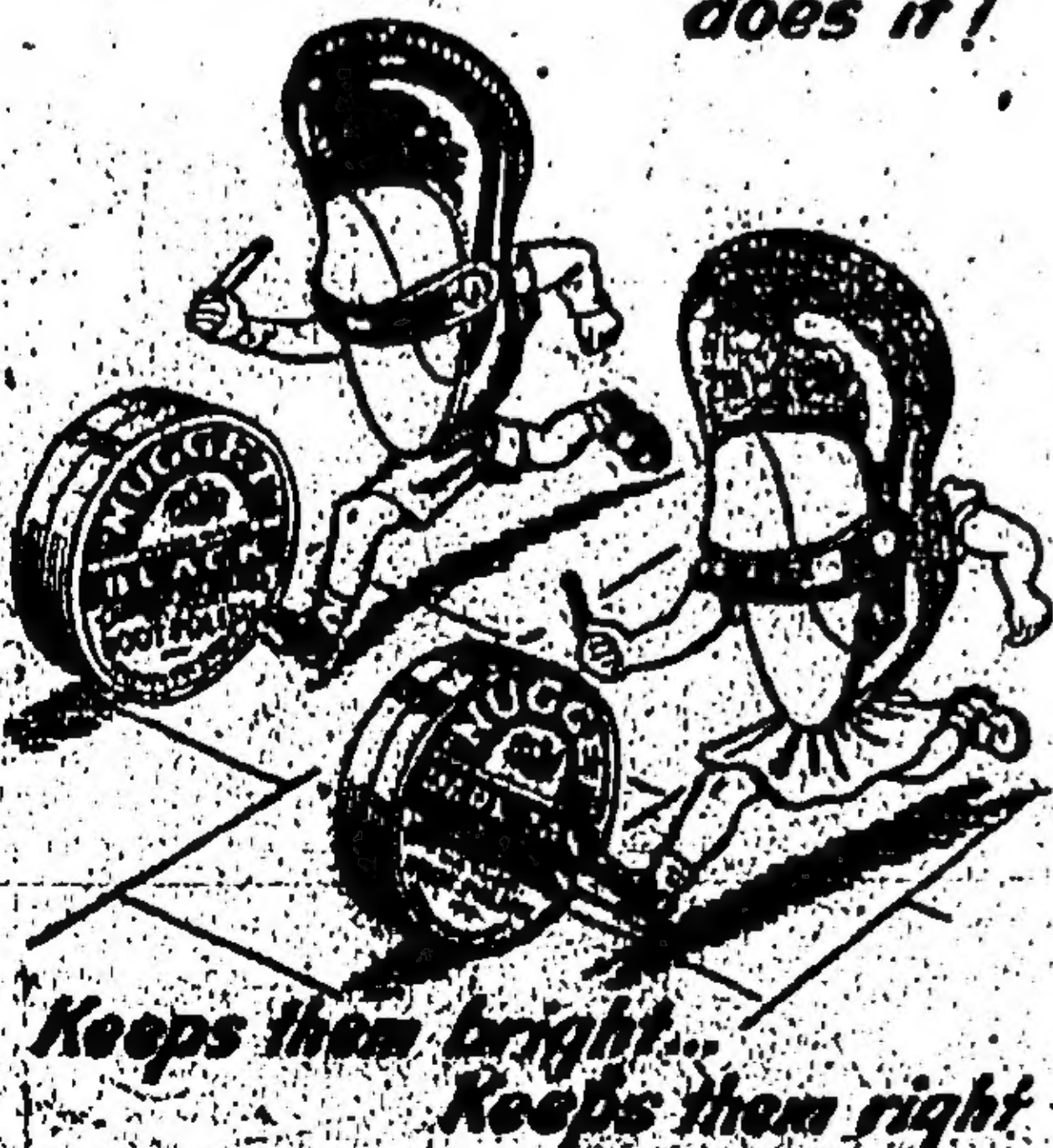
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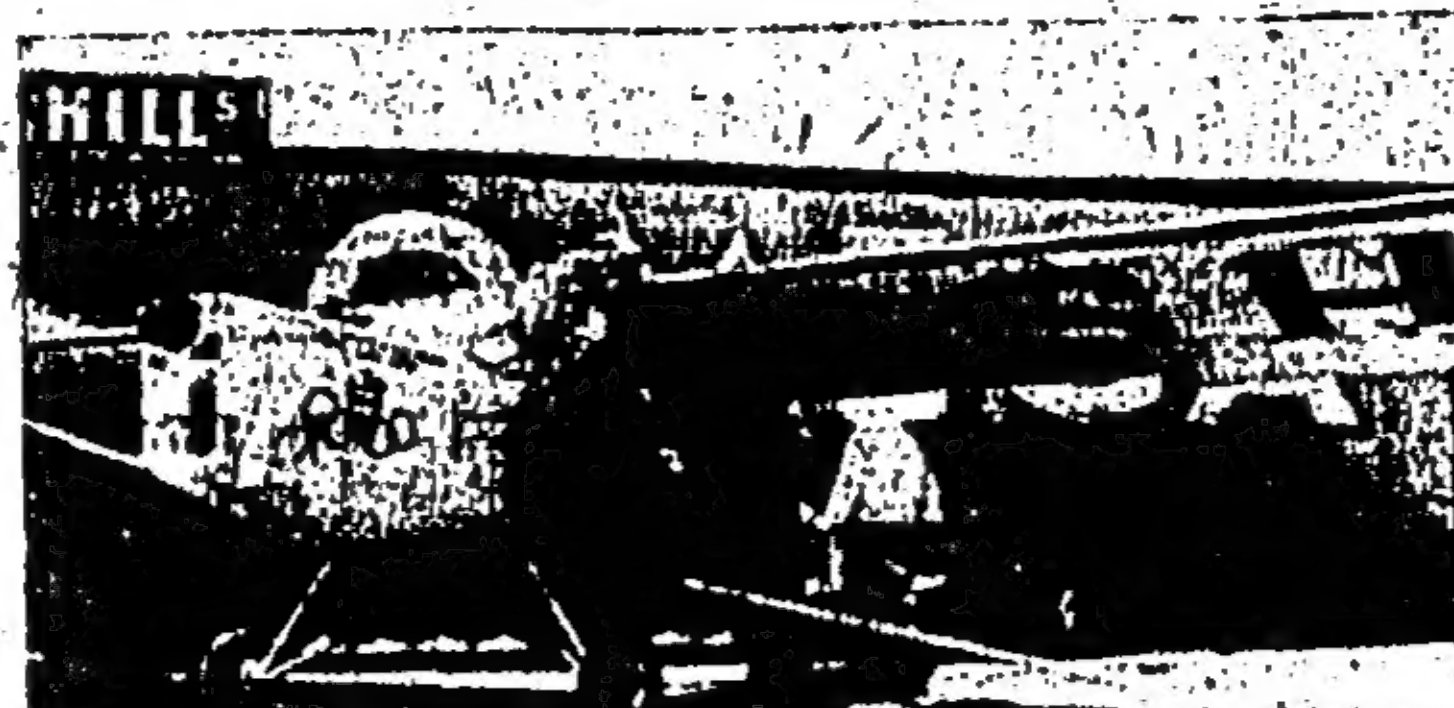
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Castleton Knight's vast lineup of equipment and transport for XIVth Olympiad—The Glory of Sport—includes a three-engine monoplane light aircraft bearing the special insignia of the Olympic Games, 1948 Film Company Ltd. This full length feature film of the Olympic Games which is being produced by Castleton Knight for J. Arthur Rank is being flown all over the world and will be soon be shown in Hong Kong.

# FUTURE RADAR DEVELOPMENTS

Mineola, N.Y.

Airplanes with invisible licence plates that can be read by radar many hundreds of miles away are coming in the future, a radar expert said recently.

The development may lead to a constant radar picture of an entire air lane, say from Chicago to New York, showing and identifying all planes on the aerial roadway. Mr. John Dyer of the Airborne Instrument Laboratory said.

Scientists at the laboratories, established during the war to do secret work, are at work now testing elements of the super radar system that may give the air lines faster traffic jams, and increase safety.

Mr. Dyer, supervisor of radar and air navigation for the laboratories, said there are numerous problems yet to be worked out, but that progress was being made.

At 30,000 feet altitude, radar signals can be sent and received for as far as 50 miles. For lower level flying planes there would have to be relay stations to transmit the radar picture, Mr. Dyer said.

Under the system, the complete air picture would be available both to the airport and the destination airport. Such would give the air traffic control officials just what is going on in the air lane, and traffic could be directed accordingly. It would show whether a certain airplane was observing regulations, or in trouble.

### Tanging Plates

The system would amount to tagging invisible licence plates on the planes. In such a technique, the airplane would be equipped with its special code of impulses that would be set off as a result of radar signals from the ground.

Such impulses would be recorded constantly or could be received when desired, Mr. Dyer said. It would be similar to the time developed "friend or foe" identification code, but would work automatically.

The problem according to Dyer, may be more difficult in mountainous sections of the country. Radar doesn't go around corners, or obstacles. But relay stations at turns in the air lane would solve the problem, Dyer said.

The plans for the new system have been tried experimentally between Washington and New York.—United Press.

# US Air Force To Protect World Peace

Manila, September 17. Major General Eugene L. Eubank, 13th Air Force Commander, declared today America's airman must protect world peace until an international organization succeeds.

The Philippine National Defence Secretary, Ruperto Kangleon, also said "Air Force Day" greetings to the United States Defence Secretary, James Foran.

The Secretary stated that American flyers gave the Philippines hope in the gloomiest of our despair during World War II. General Eubank said the Air Force is a guardian of world peace which it must be prepared to maintain by force of arms when necessary until an international organization is in successful operation.—Associated Press.

# KMT Meeting To Raise Issue

Shanghai, September 17.

Hints that China might swing into fascist socialism—first voiced by the economic supervisor, Major General Chiang Ching-kuo, and later affirmed by his father, President Chiang Kai-shek—may find an open outlet in the Kuomintang reform conference scheduled in Nanking early in October.

Much interest and study has been devoted to young Chiang's public address last Saturday in which he said the programme of economic supervision touched off by the currency reform would develop into revolutionary socialism.

In a nation-wide address a few nights later, the Generalissimo re-affirmed most of his son's utterances, but went further, and named high living social parasites equally to blame with the Chinese Reds for the present state of the country.

There has been much talk but little done in recent months of Kuomintang reform.

However, with recent added emphasis and accent put before the country by the Generalissimo himself and with General Chiang setting an unprecedented example in Shanghai in enforcing the laws regardless of how they hurt, a start already has been made.

### Follow The Law

the law as much as possible, and at the same time, emphasizing that the present activity in an attempt to cure the country's ills is merely a copier for pain and not a cure of sickness.

It is generally accepted if there is any Kuomintang reform, it will be in line with the policy the Generalissimo reportedly advocates—complete revision of the party's outlook. It is here that the revolutionary socialism may reach the blueprint stage.

On the other hand, revamping of the party can be expected to meet with the same opposition of other reform programmes encountered—from interested cliques that have been running the party the past 20 years.

Several suggestions have been made—some of which, however, are meeting with favour of many of the party's leaders.

One would merely re-organize along present lines and cutting off units and personnel was considered superfluous. Another would split the party into two factions, giving the loyal opposition with the Generalissimo as Director to follow the due process of the law.—United Press.

# Government Planes Strafe Burma Rebels

Rangoon, September 17.

A government communique on Thursday said the Burma Air Force three times strafed rebels in Syriam, only 3 1/2 miles down the Irrawaddy River from Rangoon.

The communique said Kama, 17 miles north of Pyaw and 170 miles west of Rangoon, had been recaptured.

The Air Force, supporting ground operations, inflicted heavy casualties on the rebels in Syriam, it added.

At the same time Sao Hkhu Hkio, chieftain of the 33 Shan states on Burma's northern frontier with China, said in a broadcast that he would broadcast plans for a widespread insurrection throughout the territory.

The Shan states have been comparatively peaceful until now. "We will take strong action against those trying to achieve peace by lawlessness and violence," Hkhu Hkio declared.

There are at least three distinct uprisings in Burma led by Red Flag (Trotskyist) Communists, White Flag (Stalinist) Communists, and the White Band PVOs, the former private army of the assassinated Nationalist leader, U Aung Sang.

The Burma Government in its communique does not differentiate between them, calling them all insurgents.

### Not All Fighting

Burmese newspaper editors say the Red Flag Communists, and some mountain Burma Rifle battalions have been doing most of the fighting, however. The White Flag Communists are believed to be inactive, awaiting the outcome of current events.

The PVOs, although in revolt against the Government, are not actually fighting, reports from the interior say.

Persons coming from towns "occupied" by the PVO say the White Bands often take over where Government administration has broken down. They frequently restore order, prevent looting and keep on friendly relations with the people. These informants said such battles as occur with the White Bands come about when Government troops attack them by surprise.—Associated Press.

## TOP LEVEL MEET IN LONDON

London, September 17. The Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and other defence chiefs met at the Foreign Office today for top level defence talks.

Others at meeting were the First Sea Lord, Admiral Lord Fraser, the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and the Minister of War, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell. Also present were the Vice-Chief of Air Staff deputising for Lord Tedder, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Stafford Cripps, and members of Lord Montgomery's staff.—United Press.

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## YOUNG CHIANG WANTS CLIPPINGS

Nanking, September 17. Major General Chiang Ching-kuo, Shanghai's deputy economic supervisor, has asked the China National Cultural Service Association for newspaper clippings bearing information on national feeling and popular reactions to his "tiger hunting" chorements of the emergency economic measures, according to Chinese sources today.

The sources said young Chiang wanted to know what the public thinks of his work before planning future moves against potential economic violators.—United Press.

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# Inflation Hits US Airlines

Washington, September 17.

Mr. Juan T. Tripp's announcement of sweeping fare reductions for passengers on his Pan American Airways shows what inflation has done to the cost of flying on the International Airlines.

For instance, the flies yield a copy of a time table distributed by Pan American a few years ago when it was battling against other airlines which thought international flying looked like a good thing.

This time table was dated July 15, 1948, then a distant day, and Mr. Tripp probably will not mind having it brought up now in fine print at the bottom. It says, "The data herein contained is purely hypothetical."

What Pan American announced recently was a 25 per cent reduction in roundtrip fares to Ireland, Britain, Europe, Central Africa, South Africa, the Middle East and India. As an example today's US\$630 round-trip London ticket will cost US\$472.50 after October 1.

### Happy Days

Back in the happy days Pan American suggested in this time table that maybe in 1949, in that day, weekend air cruise to Paris—round-trip ticket would

cost \$202.50, or perhaps to London \$184.50.

This flying was going to be done in monstrosities, like the Lockheed Constellation, fitted out for 100 or so passengers.

But as matters turned out, the Navy got the Constellation and Transcontinental and Western Air got the Paris route and inflation came on time is what the passengers missed, according to the time table.

Friday, October 1—Helicopter from Manhattan to the airport. Take-off at 3 p.m. by strato-clipper. Dinner on board. Return in "comfortable" sleeping quarters and advance watch five hours.

Saturday, October 2—Arrive Paris airport at 8 a.m. Helicopter to Tuileries Gardens. Breakfast, general four, lunch, races at Longchamp, cocktails, dinner atop Montmartre, the must of seeing Paris on a Saturday night.

Sunday, October 3—More touring of Paris. After dinner, Helicopter to airport and take-off at 10 p.m.

Monday, October 4—Arrive New York at 7 a.m. and take Helicopter to downtown destination.—United Press.

# LAX CUSTOMS INSPECTION

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS

Washington, September 17. Unless you are on the spy or suspect list, I swear you could smuggle the Crown Jewels into the United States by the back door—and no questions asked.

I went down to the airport where foreign planes come in here. I went through customs. Of course, I hadn't been any place. But I fell in line with the people getting off a Peruvian International Airways ship from Santiago, Lima—Panama and Havana.

The inspector wanted to see the luggage. I had none, but I looked over the shoulders of people who did. They had to open their bags. The inspector glances over the contents, but didn't look in the side pockets of the suitcases. Nobody got undressed. They didn't look under your tongue and make you say "ah" to see if you had any hidden trinkets.

Fruits Taboo  
It made no impression on Mr. Gorman. I guess he knew it was false. He doesn't wash of the United States Department of Agriculture was on the look-out for anybody carrying a fruit basket. He didn't want any foreign bugs coming in here to raise havoc with our fruit crops.

Any fruit, even that bought at stands at the regular stops en route, was confiscated and placed into an incinerator. One lady in a bright red dress squeaked a little when the doctor relieved her of a bag of avocados, which he suspected were infected with a fungus growth.

Dr. Wenshor, polite enough with it, took the sack and with the other confiscated fruit. This in spite of the fact that the plane had been DDT'd 30 minutes before the Washington landing.

The immigration inspector asked for vaccination certificates. I had them. Souvenirs of the war days when I thought I was going overseas and didn't. Yellow fever, small pox, all sorts of plagues.

They asked your name and then checked it against the subject list. If you aren't on that, for allis or otherwise, and your papers are in order, there is no trouble about identity.

But my trouble came when Don-Connolly the immigration inspector, asked: "Passport, please."

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# Berlin Crisis To Be Major UN Issue

Paris, September 17.

The Berlin crisis which dominated the world's hopes and fears all summer promises to become the keynote issue of the United Nations General Assembly convening on Tuesday, September 21, according to the trend of events today.

The continued Russian blockade of Berlin leaves the Western Powers no other alternative than to appeal to the United Nations for formal world condemnation of an action which the West considers a direct and complete violation of the United Nations Charter.

The three Western Foreign Ministers are expected to meet early next week here and, barring a last-minute change by the Russians, agree to place the case formally before the United Nations.

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a Western Foreign Ministers' meeting.

Before the last meeting in Moscow with the Soviet Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov, the Western Powers had decided that if the Russians refused to give in and show immediate signs of lifting the blockade they would call off the private negotiations in Moscow and refer the case to the United Nations.

Now, it is understood they have been rebuffed in their latest attempt to see Premier Josef Stalin because he is away from Moscow with apparently no intention of returning at once. The West's only possible next step in the diplomatic field is to the United Nations.

But there will be a formal procedural battle, dominated by propaganda charges, once a formal move to place Berlin on the United Nations agenda is made.

Pravda, organ of the Soviet Communist Party, has given an indication of the Russian line in its attack on Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, for being what the newspaper called an obedient tool of the Anglo-American bloc.—United Press.

# New Licence Plates For Cars

The Traffic Department has introduced different coloured licence plates for private cars, public hire cars and taxis in both Hong Kong and Kowloon.

On both sides of the harbour, private cars carry, as before, white plates with black figures, and public hire cars red plates with white numbers.

Taxis on the island and on the mainland, are being issued with green licence plates with white figures.

This latest innovation should greatly assist both the public and the police in differentiating between the two types of public hire vehicles.

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NZ TROOPS LEAVE JAPAN FOR HOME  
Hiroshima, September 17. Two hundred and fifty New Zealand soldiers sailed for home aboard the ss. Dunrobin today after completing service with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan.—United Press.



# NO PRICE CONTROLS ON SUITS THIS YEAR

## Secret Air Link Now Being Tested

The existence of a phantom airline operating between the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific North West was revealed yesterday by Northwest Airlines.

The hypothetical air link, which has been operating for several years in secrecy, is run by experts chosen because of their wide experience in aviation. Identified by the official code, the special project concentrated on the study of weather and flying conditions over the Seattle-Tacoma-Portland-Honolulu route.

The flights were theoretical only, but they functioned as if real aircraft were used.

The dramatic story of how this phantom airline operated over the years of secrecy was told by Mr. G.D. Lindhler, chief meteorologist for the NWA, who took a leading part in the project, which has provided for the inauguration of the actual service.

### Special Group

Only a special group were involved in the researches. For months, with complete fidelity to every detail, NWA theoretically "sent" planes on daily flights back and forth across the Pacific.

The project was first launched in close co-operation with the U.S. Army Air Transport Command and Navy. Weather reports were received regularly and utilised in the making of charts which in turn were turned over to flight control experts and pilots who planned out the imaginary flights.

So realistic was the operation that flight control planned everything, even to the number of gallons of petrol for each flight, while those who drew up flight plans included a "dog leg" by which a plane might gain time by taking the utmost advantage of wind and weather.

Plans and forecasts later were checked with actual conditions reported to prevent along the course—and this show that the pilots, meteorologists and others "hit it on the nose" day by day.

When the NWA begins the real service they expect to use faster, bigger double-deck Boeing Stratocruisers, which will take possibly eight hours to make a trip with cargo, passengers and mail.

Parade At St. John's Tomorrow

A Church parade will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at St. John's Cathedral in commemoration of the Battle of Britain.

The service will be conducted by the Dean of Pang Kong, the Very Reverend A.P. Rose, assisted by Squadron Leader the Reverend R.C.H. Swain and Squadron Leader the Reverend B.C. Heale.

After the service, a parade, consisting of detachments from HMS Sussex, 2nd Buffs and the Royal Air Force, will march to Murray Barracks Parade ground, accompanied by the band of the Royal Air Force, HMS Sussex, and the band of 2nd Buffs.

The Air Officer Commanding, Hong Kong, Air Commodore S.N. Webster, will take the salute at the march past.

B-29's Leaving Japan For US

Misawa, Honshu, September 17. Blue ribbon flight crews of four B-29's today checked and rechecked their planes at this new Superfortress base in Northern Honshu in preparation for take-off on Saturday morning on a non-stop flight to Minneapolis and Seattle.

The Superfortresses "Hi Butch" and "Sun Gorse" will attempt a 3,600 mile flight to Minneapolis, the longest of any of the 50 flights from all over the world which will converge in a simulated attack on United States cities in celebration of Air Force Day on September 18.

This obvious grandstand play is to show the American people the vital part the Air Force will play in the nation's defence and show everybody else what American bombers can do.

There will be no price-controlled suits in the market this winter as prices of suiting material have dropped sufficiently low to do away with price controls this year, tailors told the "China Mail" yesterday.

Last winter, more than 2,000 blue-serve suits were made and sold by Tak Cheong at HK\$160 a suit—the price fixed by Government. One tailor was also commissioned to make and sell Chinese-style suits at a Government-fixed price.

A survey made by the "China Mail" yesterday showed that winter suiting material this year has dropped from 20 to 30 per cent. Prices of medium quality material have fallen by 50 per cent.

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## China Products Show Planned

The Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union is busy preparing for its Sixth China Products Exhibition in Hong Kong.

The exhibition will open on December 18, 1948, and close on January 2, 1949. It will be held on the vacant place of land near the Peninsula Hotel.

Object of the exhibition is to display various products of China in order to stimulate trade in Chinese goods.

Many factories have already registered at the Union to participate in the exhibition.

## Former Supply Carrier Pays Visit To Colony

During the Burma Campaign against the Japanese in the last war, a 10,000-ton military stores carrier operated actively in Indian and Pacific waters, surviving enemy fire unscathed.

She was the British motor vessel Harbours.

Today she is the ms. Trewellard, operating the P. and O. Far East fast freighter service. The 10,000-ton motorship arrived here with 3,000 tons of mostly construction materials and left last night for Shanghai and Japan, after visiting the colony for the first time since the Liberation.

The former carrier spent 10 months in the Pacific war theatre and carried supplies to Rangoon during the Burma Campaign.

After the war she was overhauled at Calcutta and London. She became a cargo ship and operated the P. and O. Australian-New York run.

The ms. Trewellard started her Far East voyage from London last May. The dockers' strike at London, however, delayed her departure to the Far East for three weeks. She arrived here via the Straits.

Built at Sunderland, England, in 1942, the motorship is equipped with Duxford Diesel engines capable of 12 knots cruising speed.

She has a British crew of 39, including two teen-age apprentice mates, who will complete their apprenticeship in two years. Mr. Cecil D. Leaver is master. The oldest member is the carpenter who is 61 years old. The 17-year-old cabin boy is the youngest person on board.

There is no charge for admission but a collection, in aid of the Church Club's funds, will be taken during the show.

When the play was first given at the Club de Recreio on July 3 and 5, the spacious hall of the Club de Recreio was filled to capacity on both evenings.

Tonight's programme will be approximately the same as that of the previous performances. Lilla Xavier, known to many as "The Nightingale", has recovered sufficiently to take part in the show. Tony "Frank Sinatra" Alves will again be included in the strong cast, as will G. Ferreira, G. D'Almeida, Bobby Barnes, M. Remedios and his son Eddie, J. D'Almeida, and the Misses E. D'Almeida, A. Souza, Alice Osmund and A. Baptista.

GOLD WRIST WATCH LOST

A gold wrist watch belonging to Mrs. K. Upton of Lane, Croydon, Ltd., was lost on Thursday night at the Rose Hotel, Nathan Road.

While visiting a friend at the hotel, Mrs. Upton went to wash her hands, and in doing so left her watch on the window sill.

As soon as she returned to her friend's room she remembered about it and hurried back. But the watch had gone.

The matter has been reported to the police.

Bad Show?

Budgetary Committee members feared that such a bad show of the state-managed industries might affect the people's support for socialism, which is accepted as a national policy.

Investigation would determine:

(1) what types of industries are suitable for state operation;

(2) what pattern such state operation should take;

(3) the efficiency of present state-operated industries;

(4) conditions relating to organisation and personnel system in existing state-owned enterprises.

The Executive Yuan meanwhile put forth into the nation-wide price control programme by approving control regulations and authorising up to 50 per cent of all fines collected as rewards for informers.

The Yuan directed all municipalities and counties to start full enforcement of price control with quotations of August 10 as the basis.

China's sharply curtailed import quotas for the last half of this year will not limit Chinese overseas remittance in the form of material imports, Yang Shu-jen, Director of International Trade of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, told the Associated Press.

## HONG KONG PEOPLE AMBITIOUS, TALENTED, SWEDISH MASTER SAYS

Hong Kong people are ambitious and very willing to work hard. They are talented and efficient. That was the candid opinion of Mr. C. W. Jansson, 54-year-old master of the 8,500-ton Swedish motorship Hemland who is visiting the colony for the first time.

"I am very much impressed by the willingness of the labourers especially to work hard and also by their efficiency," Mr. Jansson said yesterday. "The authorities, above all, are tactful and understanding and it is a pleasure to deal with them."

The harbour is easy to approach. The water is clear, with no navigation dangers, he added.

Seeing Hong Kong at night was a memorable experience to bring home, he added. "It is beautiful." But he declined to make any comparison with any port that he had visited during his 38 years of sailing.

On Active Service

During the war, Mr. Jansson was on active service on board the Swedish motorship Drottningholm, which was chartered by the British Ministry of War Transport to ferry prisoners of war to and from Europe.

She also carried diplomats who were engaged in neutral services. The Drottningholm took an active part in the exchange of German and British prisoners of war.

After the war Mr. Jansson was assigned to supervise the building of the motorship Stockholm at Gothenburg, Sweden. The ship made her maiden voyage last March with Mr. Jansson as master. She is on the New York-Sweden run.

The original master of the ms. Hemland is on vacation and Mr. Jansson was assigned to his present post which brought him to Hong Kong.

Four doctors of philosophy are on board the ship on route to Shanghai. They are Messrs. Hans Hedensten, Olle Anderson, Sven Broman and Goran Malmquist, of Gothenburg. They

will study Chinese dialects in Shanghai and other parts of China for about two years under the sponsorship of the Rockefeller Foundation, New York.

The scholars will return to Europe and teach the dialects in schools.

Also on board are Mr. Sven-Magnus Beckman and his family. He is the Far Eastern representative of the world-famous Swedish furniture firm, Svenska Kullager Fabriken. He will disembark at Shanghai.

Hull Re-coated

Meanwhile the Hemland is being hammered on all sides for a re-coating of her hull. More than 100 labourers dangling from the deck at various points were battering off the former white paint, exposing bare patches of red steel plates all day yesterday.

Above the hanging of hammers upon steel rolls of newsprint were being hauled out from the holds on to trucks on the wharf. Her cargo consists mostly of newsprint from Sweden.

Equipped with Diesel engines of 4,600 h.p., the ms. Hemland is capable of doing 13 knots cruising speed. She has a Swedish crew of 35. The captain is the only Dane on board.

ASKS FOR FRIENDLY CAMPAIGN

Salt Lake City, September 17. Governor Earl Warren of California, making his Republican presidential initiation speech, pleaded today for the campaign to be kept on a friendly basis and not to let it disunite the American people and diminish United States influence in world affairs.

The Republican Vice-Presidential candidate pledged his party to a vigorous campaign, but warned against a bitter fight on foreign policy management, labour relations and other issues which would encourage the enemies of the United States.

He said there is only one great issue—the present national administration displaying unity, competence and leadership to warrant extending its tenure to 20 years, or has the time come for better housekeeping methods that can only be supplied by new leadership and a new programme.

—United Press.

Foreigners Arrested By Dutch

Singapore, September 17. Singapore police announced today three Americans, three Britons and one Filipino were arrested in a Catalina flying boat loaded with arms last Thursday on a Dutch island near Singapore.

Mr. E.V. Fowler, chief of the Criminal Investigation Department, said an Irishman also had been arrested in Singapore in connection with smuggling arms into South-east Asia.

An official announcement said the arrests will go far to breaking up illicit arms deals between the Philippines and Malaya, Java and Sumatra areas.

Mr. Fowler refused to disclose the names of those arrested pending further investigation. Those arrested are being held by the Dutch at an undisclosed spot and probably will face Dutch prosecution, he said.

He added that registry of the craft indicated it belongs to a Manila airline and that both arms and plane obviously came from the Philippines. — Associated Press.

ALAN LAIDLAW FETED AT PARTY

A cocktail party was given on board the American Transport yesterday evening in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Alan H. Laidlaw.

Mr. Laidlaw, who is Far Eastern representative of Pacific Transport Lines Inc., arrived in Hong Kong on Thursday evening.

Captain W.E. Stratton, master of the American Transport, received the guests.

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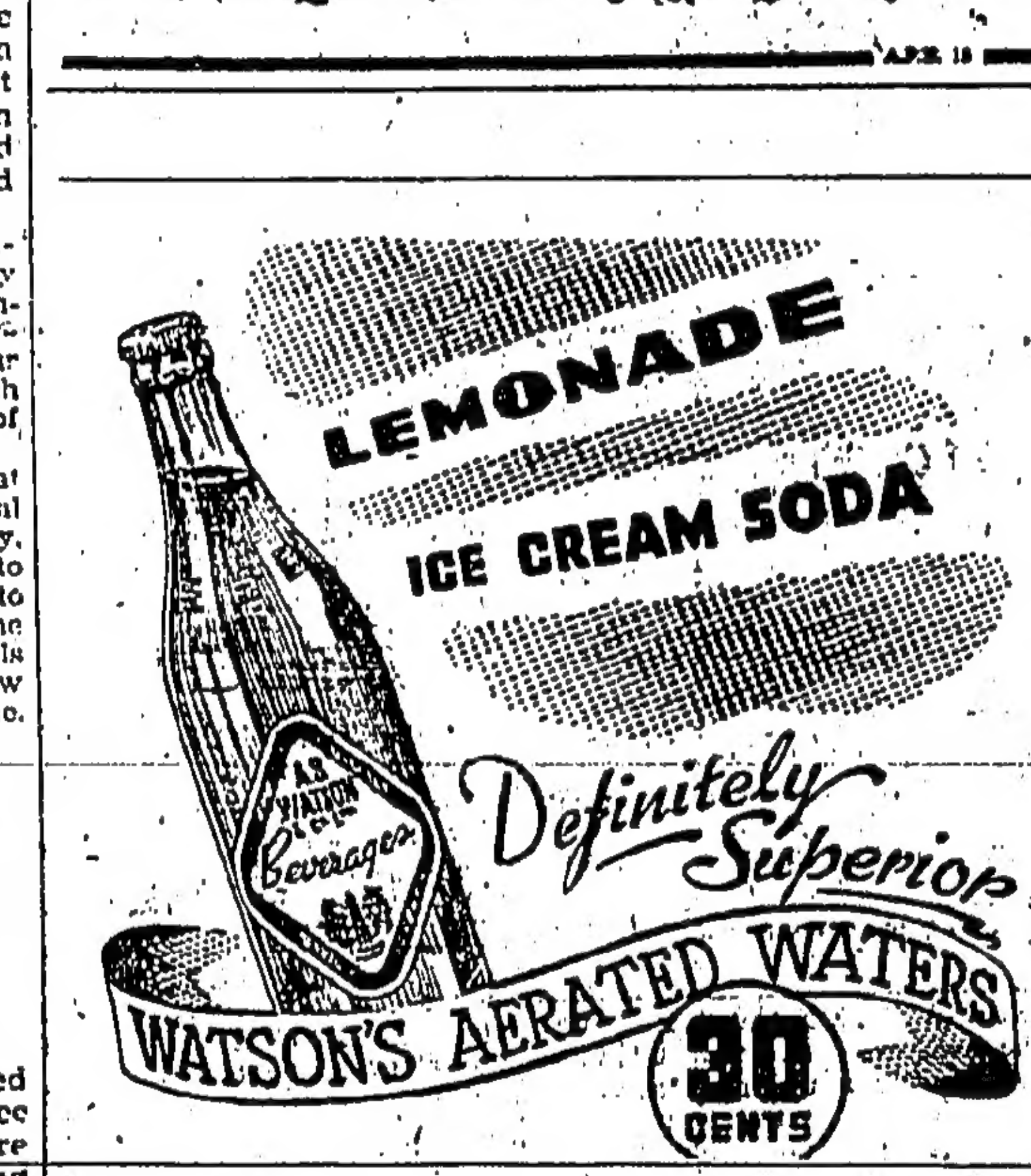
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1. To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statements of account for the period from 1st January, 1942, to 31st December, 1946.
2. To confirm the appointment and acts of Directors, to elect Directors and to fix the remuneration of Directors.
3. To approve Secretarial and Management Fees.
4. To appoint Auditors.
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## Stuart Lauds China Reforms

Nanking, September 17.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, United States Ambassador to China, said today that the Chinese Government's position after introduction of the new currency is more hopeful, and commended its rigid enforcement of the emergency economic measures as the most thorough so far.

In an interview with the United Press, Dr. Stuart also said that the United States wants very much an easy settlement of the Japanese peace problem, when asked to comment on reliable reports that China is likely to take the initiative shortly to break the peace stalemate.

The China-born American envoy spoke highly of China's latest economic recovery programme and believed Shanghai's dynamic "New Hunter" the deputy economic supervisor, Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo, will not go to extremes in his enforcement measures.

He said he was pleased with the new economic reforms right from the beginning because they showed courage, vision and determination on the part of the Chinese authorities.

Dr. Stuart said this far, after the currency reform, conditions have been as well as could be expected, and if the Chinese Government could balance the budget, including military expenditures without weakening its fighting strength, it will do a great deal in strengthening public confidence.

He described the economic reforms as China's first real self-help effort at recovery, and in line with the reforms generally advocated.

Other Reforms  
He said, however, there are many other reforms China should carry out to surmount the national crisis. He said some of these needed reforms of the new constitution, but warned constitutional democracy can only succeed where there is sufficient interaction between the government and the people.

"At present the Chinese people are too disorganised to be articulate," he said. The United States would do anything to help China cement the basis of the gold yuan currency, the envoy said. "I do not see how it can be at present."

Dr. Stuart said he was especially pleased with General Chiang Ching-kuo's speech in Shanghai last week promising a vigorous fight against speculation and hoarding.

He said the speech showed family of balance and good understanding of what should be done and what should be avoided, and indicated he is unlikely to go to extremes.

Turning to the Japanese peace problem, he said though the United States, like China, also desired early settlement he could not see how the deadlock could be broken now.

He said the questions centred around the veto power and the composition of the preliminary conference, and if these were solved the situation would be difficult.

Dr. Stuart would not comment on China's reported intention to abandon the veto power and line up with the United States on conviction of a preliminary meeting—United Press.

AMENDMENT  
In para two above date is now 23rd September, 1948.  
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SAQ 9 H 10 2 D K 6-2 C Q 10 3 5 5  
N W E S  
S K J 7 2 H A 8 5 D A 10 4 C J 6 2  
S 10 4 H K Q 6 3 D B 4 C A K 8 4  
(Dealer South East-West vulnerable.)

South West North East  
1 C Pass 1 D Pass  
1 H Pass 2 H Pass  
2 C Pass 1 D Pass  
1 H Pass Pass Dbl  
Pass 2 C 2 H 2 S

North at Table 1 was one of those exponents of the proved one-over-one principle who likes to say that the weakest hand he will bid, except opposite a double or its equivalent, is one giving him a chance to say 1-Diamond over 1-Club. He applied that soundly when his partner's

bid reached him, in the same way as did North at the other table. But when the first North got his next chance, over his partner's 1-Heart, he failed to employ another important principle. His own hand being so ideally fitted to hearts, as against any other declaration, South might call, was also so weak (in general) that action was dictated to him. A raise to 2-Hearts in this spot might have been followed by South reaching to three, or even four, but if so, no very great damage could have occurred, and in a not too rare circumstance the contract thus reached might have been made.

North at the other table realized the main reason for that raise—in erect a barrier against probably strong opponents. It happened that the 2-Spades made three, worth 140 points, whereas the 2-Hearts bid was only one trick, worth just 50.

Tomorrow's Problem  
S 10 4 H 9 8 6 3 2 D 6 3 C A 9 7 5 S A 8 9 2  
S 9 7 5 3 H K J 7 4 D A 4 C Q J 5 4  
W E N S  
S R Q J H A Q D K C 8 7 C K 10 8  
(Dealer South. Neither side vulnerable.)

After winning the spade 3-head with the A, what suit should East return, and why?

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Clues Across  
1 Storage 19 Stops  
2 Chamber 22 Weapon  
3 Like 23 Holder  
4 Blessing 25 Encounter  
5 Crazy 27 Wickiendness  
10 House 28 Expanded  
11 Absent 29 Observe  
12 Fairy 31 Wander  
13 Hopalong 32 about  
17 Employing 33 Frank

Clues Down  
2 Statues 15 Lay  
3 Get 16 Main point  
4 Bombs 18 Venetian  
5 Accommodated 20 Venetian  
6 Bar of 21 Tried out  
7 Once more 24 Blamish  
12 Show 25 Equestrian  
13 Little brook

Yesterday's Crossword  
Across: 1. Sacred, 5. Relax, 6. Motor, 9. Commot, 10. Valid, 11. Trials, 12. Open, 13. Negus, 14. Accuse, 15. Centre, 16. Scout, 17. Keen, 18. Altar, 19. Prime, 20.

Down: 1. Success, 2. Confidence, 3. Emit, 4. Detract, 5. Revenue, 6. Erases, 7. Addis, 8. General, 9. Suppress, 10. Antlers, 11. Created, 12. Exonem, 13. Caty, 14. Hide.







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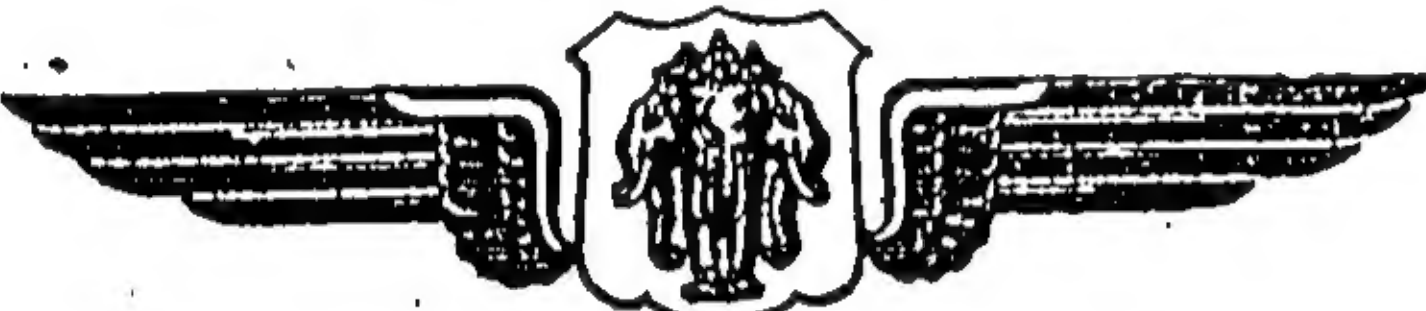
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#### MARRIAGE

LAU-LUI—The wedding between Mr. Lau Pui of Kowloon and Miss Lui Shou-chun of Hong Kong is to be taken place today in Canton. Reception will be given in Canton and 43 Peking Road, Kowloon.

#### ENGAGEMENT

RAMOS—PITCHFORD: The engagement is announced of Purita B. Ramos to Charlie Pitchford R.Q.M.S. Royal Artillery.

#### DEFENCE MEASURES

Those who proclaim that 'There will be no war' have every reason to gain in confidence as the days slip by. Even so, there can be no excuse for closing eyes entirely to the high degree of tension in Berlin, or for failure to take elementary precautionary measures. It was thought this week when it was officially announced that important measures for the slowing down of demobilisation from the Services had been agreed by the Chiefs of Staff and the Cabinet, that this slowing down could be regarded, as an important defence measure—that Britain could not be caught entirely unprepared. The subsequent disclosure that this would mean an increase in the total personnel of the armed forces by 8,000 men at the end of the present year was of course ludicrous, the more so as it was seriously submitted as an indication that the Government had not overlooked its defence responsibilities. Knowing roughly the service strength of British battalions overseas, including Hong Kong, figures of this kind can only have the effect of adding to anxieties rather than relieving them.

The present session of Parliament has been called for the sole purpose of forcing through the Bill for the reform of the House of Lords. The Opposition would, however, be failing in their duty if they do not press for answers on defence matters, particularly on one particular issue. Whether the Government has any detailed plan for rapid re-formation of our fighting forces in an emergency? If war can come as suddenly as Lord Montgomery and others have predicted, surely every detail of remobilisation should be mapped out long before it is called for. Even more urgent and even less provocative would be some indication that Britain's civil defence can be recreated.

Three months ago, Lord Montgomery talked of the part that Territorials might have to play in this field. Two months ago, Lord Hall spoke of beginning the training of civilian instructors next January. Last month, Sir John Hodson, Inspector-General of Civil Defence, said that the broad outlines of a new Civil Defence service (though not the details) had been approved by the Cabinet. Events may give ample time for all these conceptions to sort themselves out into practical coherency; on the other hand, the demand for civil defence might be sudden indeed. International

There have been many criticisms of the ineffectiveness of the United Nations Organisation but it does remain, as the Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, has stated in his third report, the 'chief force that holds the world together against all the conflicting strains and stresses that are pulling it apart.'

Britain attaches the utmost importance to United Nations activities, has given them wholehearted support and has always sought to make the Organisation an effective international instrument. With other like-minded Powers she will devote keen attention to the question of procedure which will be the most important matter before the General Assembly meeting in Paris next week (September 21). For this question is closely bound up with that of ineffectiveness.

The General Assembly has done much to promote international co-operation in the economic, social and cultural fields but it has done surprisingly little to work out general principles for promoting international co-operation in the political field. Important studies have now been carried out of past decisions taken and valuable recommendations have been made for improving the procedure and machinery of conciliation within the Charter. The reports of the Interim Committee set up a year ago are now available and will be discussed at the Paris meeting. Unless procedure can be improved and the use of the veto voluntarily restricted it will be difficult, perhaps impossible, to settle the major problems of contention between East and West. The United Nations Organisation will become 'frozen in utility,' to use a phrase of the Canadian Foreign Minister. Better procedure can break up deadlock just as an improved currency can unlock trade.

#### Into The Post

In order to understand the setting of these reports it is important to go back a little into the past. When the United Nations Charter was drawn up at the San Francisco Conference the veto was included because it was realised that it was no good having a majority decision on a substantive or major problem unless all the Big Five were in agreement. It was, however, laid down by four of the Great Powers (not by Russia) that the veto should not be used 'willfully to obstruct the operation of the Security Council.' That is, of course, precisely what happened on numerous occasions. Soviet Russia does not like majority voting at Lake Success, where the majority is often against her, so she uses her veto right (at the recent Danube conference where the majority was in her favour she exploited this to the full). Britain, incidentally, has never exercised her right to use the veto.

At the Assembly meeting at the end of 1947 Mr. George C. Marshall, United States Secretary of State, made proposals for improving procedure and revitalising the Organisation. He said: 'The United Nations will never last if the veto privilege is intensification gives no excuse for panic, but ample grounds for preparedness. There is a general feeling—which would be an excellent thing for the government to prove unjustified—that confusion and indecision are the main characteristics of our immediate defence policy, military and civil.'

#### Britain's Colonies

At meetings in Geneva this week of the United Nations' special Colonial Committee there have been renewed attempts by Russia and a few other countries with axes to grind, to discredit British colonial administration and to institute, in effect, direct United Nations supervision of 'non-self-governing territories.' The British Government have rightly decided to oppose any such move in the bluntest possible manner. The Russian spokesmen at United Nations gatherings have from time to time suggested that such an attitude implies that the British Government have something to hide. In fact it is incomparably easier to visit even the remotest British colony than any part of the U.S.S.R. The British Government cannot, on any showing, be accused of any excessive insistence on Britain's rights as a colonial power. If now, even they feel, the time has come to dig in their heels, we may be sure that it is so indeed.

## MACHINERY OF CONCILIATION

stuffed upon to the point of frustrating collective vote." Mr. Marshall proposed that the veto should be confined to matters of military or economic sanctions; he also suggested that there should be a permanent committee called the Interim Committee of Peace and Security. This idea of a "Little Assembly" was bitterly opposed by the Soviet Government as being openly directed against Russia. It was considered to be an attempt to undermine the authority of the Security Council's agreed principle that there must be unanimity over major questions. There has, of course, been considerable discussion as to what is meant by "major" questions and where to draw the line between what is

By  
**GORDON WATERFIELD**

procedural and what is substantive. (Just recently issued report of the Interim Committee on voting in the Security Council a detailed analysis has been made for the first time as to what matters should be considered as procedural and, therefore, not requiring unanimity).

#### New Machinery

The Interim Committee was set up for one year by a majority vote at the end of last year in spite of the opposition of Russia and her satellites, who refused to become members. The Assembly instructed the Interim Committee to consider the problem of voting and to submit proposals for a new machinery for mediation and conciliation in disputes. Reports on these questions were submitted to the Secretary General two months ago and contain draft proposals for submission to the Assembly this month. The main items dealing with procedure on the agenda.

One report recommends that the "Little Assembly" should be permanent; it adds that while the Committee has functioned effectively in the past year the value of its work would be enhanced if Russia and her satellites joined it. In the report on "methods for promotion of international co-operation in the political field" there is a recommendation that in cases of dispute the Security Council should appoint a representative to act as conciliator. There is also a draft proposal for setting up a body for enquiry and conciliation its functions are set out in 10 Articles.

The proposals put forward are based on the ideas set out by Mr. Marshall at the end of last year though suggestions for limiting the use of the veto are not as specific as those put forward by the U.S. Secretary of State. The reports include also a series of suggested rules of conduct which were originally proposed by Mr. Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Minister, at the meeting in 1946 and again in 1947.

#### Right Of Veto

The Interim Committee recommends that the Assembly should call a conference which would deal with the question of suppressing or limiting the right of veto enjoyed by the five permanent members. The Argentine delegation has also put forward a proposal to this effect. Britain has throughout been opposed to any change in the Charter while pressing for voluntary restriction in the use of the veto. It is not expected that the majority of the delegates will be in favour of such a conference if the intention is to alter the terms of the Charter in relation to the veto; but there will probably be a majority in favour of improving procedure with the Charter.

The reports of the Interim Committee are likely to lead to interesting debate and to valuable decisions to improve the machinery of conciliation, but much, of course, depends upon the attitude adopted by Soviet Russia.

## Shanghai Enjoys The Moon Festival

Shanghai, September 17.  
Despite President Chiang Kai-shek's appeal for Spartan frugality and Trojan industriousness, Chinese in Shanghai are lavishly celebrating the Moon Festival, with all confectioneries besieged by customers seeking to buy moon cakes and all markets crowded by housewives buying chickens, ducks and other delicacies for tonight's feasting.

While the Moon Festival is no longer an official holiday, festive mood is noticeable everywhere, especially among messengers, servants and coolies, who are cashing in on a large amount of tips. The Government price ceiling plus austerity measures have prevented the appearance of a no-strike or no-work day as in previous years. The Government rules that no moon cake may be priced above CY\$0.50 but heavy sales at that price have confectionaries a big profit and increased the consumption of huge quantities of sugar, flour and other ingredients. Even in Changchun—northernmost government stronghold in Manchuria—the people temporarily forgot the three-month siege by the Communists and celebrated the moon festival with moon cakes of CY\$550 (US\$125) per pound and pork at the same price.—United Press.

## SHIPS IN DISTRESS

New York, September 16.  
The Coast Guard cutter Bibb radioed today that she has reached the storm-battered Portuguese fishing schooner, Gaspar, 3,000 miles off the Newfoundland coast. The winds were dying down, the Bibb reported, but the sea still was too rough to attempt the removal of the crew of 40 from the vessel. The Bibb was standing by. Earlier, an unconfirmed message from her captain said she was leaking badly and would have to be abandoned. Thirty-eight of the crew of the abandoned 7,200-ton sailing freighter, the Lalestier, were rescued today in mid-Atlantic amid hurricane-lashed mountainous seas. Twenty men were picked up by an American ship, the Cecil N. Bean, 400 miles Southwest of Cape Race, Newfoundland, while the rest were rescued by an Argentine steamer. Four men were lost. The Portuguese auxiliary vessel Valo-Tormosa Segundo was also picked up early today, eight miles south of Oporto, Portugal. Lloyd's shipping intelligence reported. The crew took to the boats and were picked up by a trawler, the report added.—Router.

## Orders Compulsory Mediation

Tokyo, September 17.  
Exasperated by the stalling tactics of the Japanese Electric Industry Workers' Union, the Government has decided to take the dispute to the Central Labour Relations Board for compulsory mediation.

The decision was reached yesterday in a meeting by four Cabinet Ministers under whose jurisdiction the question comes and is expected to be formally approved at a Cabinet meeting this morning.

Labour Minister, Kaplu Kato, in announcing the position, threatened union leaders with the possibility of a no-strike order in the case of the strike of the Communications Workers' Union, if they fail to accede. Japanese newspapers considered it probable that Cabinet will issue a formal announcement this morning and at the same time issue a ban on the continuation of electric power strikes during the period of mediation with a threat of severe penalties in the case of violation.

Union leaders had been meeting daily since the warning was issued by SCAP leaders on Sunday and Monday this week to submit the case for arbitration but have announced no decision.

In fact a spokesman for the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce planned for a second round of black-out strikes on the night of September 22, involving ten minute power stoppages to major shopping centres of the city, such as Ginza, Akihabara, Shitaya and Shibuya, and three-hour stoppages to large factories followed by an hour-long suspension of power supply for metropolitan tramlines, subways and elevated trains at noon of September 23, and a ten-minute blackout at night.—Reuter.

## TRADE CHANGING ITS DIRECTION

By JOHN KINGSLEY

When a little more than a year ago Britain's overseas trade policy had to be drastically changed to cope with a rapidly widening imbalance of payments, the problem was not only to try to eliminate the gap but also to change the geographical direction of a large part of imports and exports. The "gap within the gap"—the unwieldy adverse balance with the U.S.A. and other western hemisphere hard currency countries—was the crux of the problem. The first step, therefore, was a heavy cutting of imports from these countries and their replacement where essential by purchases from soft currency countries. The second step was not only to raise exports, generally, but to increase those to hard currency countries. None of these steps could be accomplished overnight. Old import contracts had to be completed, new sources of supply for essential goods had to be created, domestic supplies diverted to export markets. Now, however, it is possible to see how the change in trade policy is progressing. Overseas trade figures for the 12 months to June this year show that Britain's import policy is definitely achieving results and that the export drive is making progress. Trade with the important Commonwealth and Western European countries is, moreover, expanding.

#### The Changes

The outstanding trend of the balance of trade over this period has been a reduction in the total for the Western hemisphere group of countries and particularly in the U.S.A. The average monthly rate of the adverse balance with the U.S.A., Canada and Newfoundland, the Argentine and the rest of the Western hemisphere dropped from £62,750,000 in the third quarter of 1947 to £47,500,000 in the fourth quarter of 1947 and to £27,250,000 in the first half of 1948. Satisfactory as this decline was, there was an even greater decline in the case of the U.S.A. alone, the monthly average dropping from £21,500,000 in the third quarter of 1947 to £12,250,000 in the first quarter of 1948 and to only £8,250,000 in the second quarter. The decline over the 12 months for Canada and Newfoundland was from £19,000,000 to £14,250,000 and for the Argentine from £10,250,000 to £5,000,000.

As Britain's total adverse trade balance averaged monthly rates of £68,000,000, £39,500,000, £28,500,000 and £44,000,000 over the four quarters respectively, this change in trade with the Western hemisphere group meant changes elsewhere. Most notable was the reduction from the adverse monthly rate of £6,000,000 in the third quarter of 1947 to a virtual balance in the second quarter of 1948 with European countries and a switch from a favourable rate of £2,000,000 to an adverse balance of £6,750,000 monthly with other soft currency countries. The favourable balance with the Union of South Africa increased from £5,250,000 to £7,750,000; South Africa as a gold earner ranks next in importance to the dollar area in Britain's drive to acquire hard currencies.

#### Actual Totals

So much for the trend of net balances. Now let us take some of the actual totals of imports and exports for the 18 months from the end of June in the first half of 1947 imports from the Western hemisphere totalled £381,000,000 and in the second half they were £433,000,000 but in the first half of 1948 they had dropped to £348,000,000. The

full worth of this trend is brought out much more emphatically by the proportion the totals bear to the aggregate of Britain's imports, which, because of the world rise in prices, have been expanding in value. The percentage in the first half of this year was only 34 compared with 40½ in the first half of 1947 and 44½ of Britain's exports to the Western hemisphere in the first six months of this year represented about 15½ per cent of total exports. Comparing the first half of 1948 with the same period of 1947, exports to the U.S.A. were little changed at £24,000,000. On the other hand, exports to Canada, Newfoundland and New Zealand rose from £20,000,000 to £23,250,000 to the Argentine from £15,000,000 to £19,750,000 and to the rest of the Western hemisphere from £22,750,000 to £26,000,000.

#### Leading Items

Reverting to imports, the change in Britain's policy is clearly seen in an examination of some of the leading items for the first six months of this year compared with the last. Whereas 10½ per cent of food, drink and tobacco imports came from the U.S.A. in the 1947 period, the proportion dropped to little more than one per cent in 1948. Likewise, raw materials imported from the U.S.A. dropped from 12 per cent to 7½ per cent. Against these changes imports of food, etc. from Canada fell only from 17½ per cent of the total to 10 per cent, and those from the Argentine rose nearly one half per cent to 10½ per cent. Britain herself in net trading a larger proportion of her food needs in terms of value, not bulk proportions, she is now producing 30 per cent of her own food requirements compared with only 30 per cent in 1938.

The final facts of interest in the changing pattern of Britain's trade policy are the direction of reports sent and to the leading 10 countries in the first half of 1948. On the imports side, Canada headed the list with a total of £116,000,000 and was followed (the figures are stated in pound millions) by the U.S.A. £85½, Australia 74½, New Zealand 59½, Argentina 57½, India 50, British West Africa 33, Dutch West India 27, As to exports the order was (again in pound millions) Australia 67½, South Africa 67½, U.S.A. 54, Canada 32, Sweden 26, New Zealand 25½, France 24, Belgium 22½.

## SWEDEN ORDERS VAMPIRES

London, September 16.  
Sweden has placed a third substantial order for Vampire jet fighter planes with the British aircraft firm of De Havilland. Respecting the Swedish Government's security regulations, De Havilland's order declined to reveal how many fighters have been ordered. In January, Sweden placed the largest order ever received by the British aircraft industry for jet planes of the same type. The first order was placed in 1946. De Havilland spokesman said today that the Swedes have delivered extensively in South Sweden and above the Arctic Circle and have been pleased with their performance.—Reuter.

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## DEMAND FOR EARLY STATEMENT BY GOVT ON MALAYAN SITUATION

### COUNCIL TAKES UP HYDERABAD APPEAL

Paris, September 17. The United Nations Security Council voted eight to nil on Thursday to take up Hyderabad's appeal for help against invaders from India.

Then the Council adjourned until Monday while Indian troops were closing in on the military centre of Secunderabad.

Both Hyderabad and India were heard briefly by the Council after a tangled debate whether it would take up the question at all.

It was the first full dress performance by a United Nations agency in the newly decorated Palais de Chaillot.

The Hyderabad delegation, headed by Foreign Minister Nawab Mohi Uddin Jung, appeared for "action swift and determined."

In anger, India's Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Prime Minister of Mysore State told the Council that Hyderabad was not a nation and for that reason the Security Council had no right to intervene. Earlier he had told reporters the clash was a domestic question, not an international war.

The Nawab asked the Council to stop the war at once and end the "premeditated aggression." Nothing in the relations of the two territories, he said, gave India the right to send troops into Hyderabad to preserve order. He said India had violated a standstill agreement as a "scrap of paper."

The Council would require India to get out of Hyderabad, he said, his country would agree to closely integrated co-operation with India.

"And we are prepared," he added, "to give these words full meaning and validity."—Associated Press.

### Cuts In French Expenditure

Paris, September 16. The French Premier, Mr. Henri Queuille, had decided to put the brake on all unnecessary expenditure and make the following economies before the end of the year: M. Maurice Plesch, Secretary of State for the Budget, told a press conference tonight.

1.—10,000 million francs on military credits.  
2.—5,000 million francs on nationalised industries.  
3.—4,000 million francs on the Civil Service.  
4.—3,000 million francs on reconstruction.

New indirect taxes would bring in about 30,000 million francs and direct taxes 10,000 million.

M. Plesch said the present financial crisis was worse than that of 1926-28, nearly because France had been unable to unlock her American credits.

This, he said, was understandable. "We cannot ask a nation which is placing extra burdens on its taxpayers to help us unless we make considerable sacrifices ourselves," he said.

Meanwhile, the French Government prepared to rush through Parliament a short bill making strikes in the police force illegal.—Reuter.

### United Party Regains Power In S. Rhodesia

Salisbury, Rhodesia, September 16. The United Party, which has controlled the Southern Rhodesian Government since 1934, regained power, by a majority of 18 seats in the Legislative Assembly today by the mandate given by yesterday's general election.

The final state of the parties was: United Party 24; Liberals five; Labour one.

The United and Liberal parties fought out the main contest in the seventh general election since Southern Rhodesia was granted responsible government 25 years ago.

They differed, though not greatly, on private enterprise, native policy and relations with neighbouring territories.

It was thought here that large-scale immigration to Southern Rhodesia from Britain had probably had been a deciding factor in the result of the election.

The Liberal Party stood for universal franchise, while the United Party stood for a franchise which would give more power to the white population.

London, September 16. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, is expected to make a statement on Malaya next Wednesday.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, asked in the House of Commons today for assurance that a full statement on the Malayan situation would be made before the end of the special session of Parliament tomorrow week.

Members wanted the latest information before they dispersed, Mr. Eden said, adding that there was widespread concern about Malaya.

Mr. Eden's request reiterated the Conservative protest that no Government statement was made in last night's debate.

In reply to the points raised about Malaya, Mr. Herbert Morrison, Leader of the House, said today that there were questions on the Order Paper for Wednesday and that it would be right then for the Colonial Secretary to make a statement on the Malayan situation.

Mr. R. A. Luttice, a former Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, also criticised the Government's handling of the Malayan situation when he resumed the debate on the King's Speech for the Opposition.

"The position in Malaya," he said, "is one which reveals as much as anything else the dilatoriness and inefficiency of the British Government."

"The fact that we had the Colonial Secretary sitting there yesterday looking exceedingly uncomfortable for a large part of the day and that he made no reply in the evening has left a nasty taste with us on the attitude of the Government on this vital question."

**Indian Position**

Mr. Butler also spoke on the issue between India and Hyderabad. He said that the British Government had declined to see representatives of Hyderabad when they were in Britain during the summer on their way to India.

Mr. Butler stated that he had done his best, through his experience of Indian affairs to try to bring the British Government together with the representatives of Hyderabad.

"I had absolutely no success," he said amid Opposition cries of "Shame."

The Government were adamant in saying that they would not intervene, or even see the representatives of Hyderabad, who were visiting this country on their way to India.

"The Government then resisted the suggestion, because of legal and technical considerations, of interfering or not in the affairs of one country or another," he added.

**Cripps' Influence**

He believed that Sir Stafford Cripps had more influence with India than any other man and that the British Government had great influence with the Government of India.

"Therefore, I believe a very great responsibility rests on the shoulders of the British Government to exercise their influence in India at the present time to an extent which may bring this terrible situation to an end."

"I, therefore, say fairly and squarely, the responsibility does not only rest on the United Nations and the technical considerations whether this case can be heard. It rests fairly and squarely on His Majesty's Government to exercise their influence and to use it in the right way in a strong manner, which they have not yet used."

Mr. Butler wondered whether

the time was not ripe for the setting up of some Commonwealth machinery which could be brought to bear in disputes of this kind which only brought discredit on the whole Commonwealth.

"I put this suggestion forward on my own responsibility, but with the strongest conviction. While the Government is willing to tramp from one foreign country to another, it is only this autumn that they are going to summon a Commonwealth conference."

Practically nothing had been heard about Imperial defence, but it was quite clear that the Empire was far weaker to prove that it could speak with that independent and united voice, not the miserable third voice of Imperialism, but that Imperial voice which would stand between the two giants of the East and West.

Referring to Kashmir, Mr. Butler said that it seemed there was grave danger whether the United Nations was going to be taken seriously or not.

"We are at the crossroads in the history of the United Nations," Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who spoke

next, did not refer to India. He dealt solely with economics.

Mr. Reginald Paget, Labour, said that he thought the House should associate itself with the position which would have been Britain's attitude in face of things which had been happening in Hyderabad, the Nizam seeking to have his own foreign policy, the flying in of arms and negotiations for a port.

"No responsible Government which is actually going to rule there can possibly stand for that sort of thing from the Princely States."

Britain, he said, had not handed paramilitary to India, but she had handed over the title deeds of paramilitary.

Mr. Godfrey Nicholson, Conservative, said that he thought the situation was grave enough to merit "some passing word" from Sir Stafford Cripps, "who probably has more influence on India than any single European."

The Government, in effect, had proclaimed itself completely disinterested as to what was happening in India and Hyderabad.

### Hussars in Singapore

Singapore, September 17. The Fourth Queen's Own Hussars—some of Britain's proudest regiments—arrived here from the United Kingdom today to reinforce British troops fighting a small-scale Communist revolt in Malaya.

The unit disembarked from the troopship Dilwara, which is continuing on to Hong Kong with troops for the Hong Kong garrison.—Associated Press.

Mr. Generalov again referred to Gen MacArthur's letter of July 22 in which SCAP called for a Japanese ordinance banning strikes against the government, stating that such strikes would be counter to the objectives of the Allied occupation.

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The "Akahata"—Red Flag—daily, organ of the Japan Communist Party, said Mr. Generalov's statements were made on Tuesday at a meeting of representatives of the "Democracy Protection League" including Kaku Hosokari, Communist member of the House of Councillors.

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Mr. Panyushkin charged in a statement that General MacArthur's policy, which was carried out by the Japanese Government, violated the 1945 Potsdam Declaration.

"The Soviet delegation considers that the Far Eastern Commission cannot bypass such a gross violation by the Supreme Commander of the Commission's decision," Mr. Panyushkin said.

He called on the Commission to revoke his anti-strike directive of July 22 and a Japanese Government ordinance of July 31 putting the directive into effect.

He also proposed that the "repressive measures against the workers and employees of Government enterprises and institutions should be discontinued."—Reuter.

**Layelled Guns**

Ruffner said "One of the Russians, jabbed a machinegun in my guts. I got mad, shoved it away and turned my own machinegun against him. Another Russian layelled his machinegun at me."

At this point a Russian officer came from the basement of a nearby building and ordered the Soviet troops to lower their guns.

American reinforcements arrived and the Russians retreated.

In another incident, a Russian soldier chased an aged German from the Soviet sector into the American sector. Near Anhalter railway station, a Soviet jeep carrying four Russian soldiers came into the American sector, chasing a German soldier who had been wounded.

The German soldier was shot and the Russians went back to their own car.—United Press.

**Lack Of Radar**

London, September 16. Captain W. H. C. Coombs, President of the Officers' (Merchant Navy) Federation, stated today that only 100 of the 3,000 vessels in Britain's Mercantile Marine Fleet are fitted with modern radar equipment.

He told the annual meeting of the Federation that at the end of the last war Britain led in radar, but after three years of neglect, there was a serious drop in the standard of navigation and general operation.—Reuter.

Tokyo, September 16. The Russian political adviser, Mr. N. I. G. Generalov, at a three-hour meeting with Japanese Communist leaders, reportedly branded General Douglas MacArthur as a violator of the Potsdam declaration, and promised continued Russian support for the Japanese workers' "struggle."

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"The Soviet delegation considers that the Far Eastern Commission cannot bypass such a gross violation by the Supreme Commander of the Commission's decision," Mr. Panyushkin said.

He called on the Commission to revoke his anti-strike directive of July 22 and a Japanese Government ordinance of July 31 putting the directive into effect.

He also proposed that the "repressive measures against the workers and employees of Government enterprises and institutions should be discontinued."—Reuter.

**Layelled Guns**

Ruffner said "One of the Russians, jabbed a machinegun in my guts. I got mad, shoved it away and turned my own machinegun against him. Another Russian layelled his machinegun at me."

At this point a Russian officer came from the basement of a nearby building and ordered the Soviet troops to lower their guns.

American reinforcements arrived and the Russians retreated.

In another incident, a Russian soldier chased an aged German from the Soviet sector into the American sector. Near Anhalter railway station, a Soviet jeep carrying four Russian soldiers came into the American sector, chasing a German soldier who had been wounded.

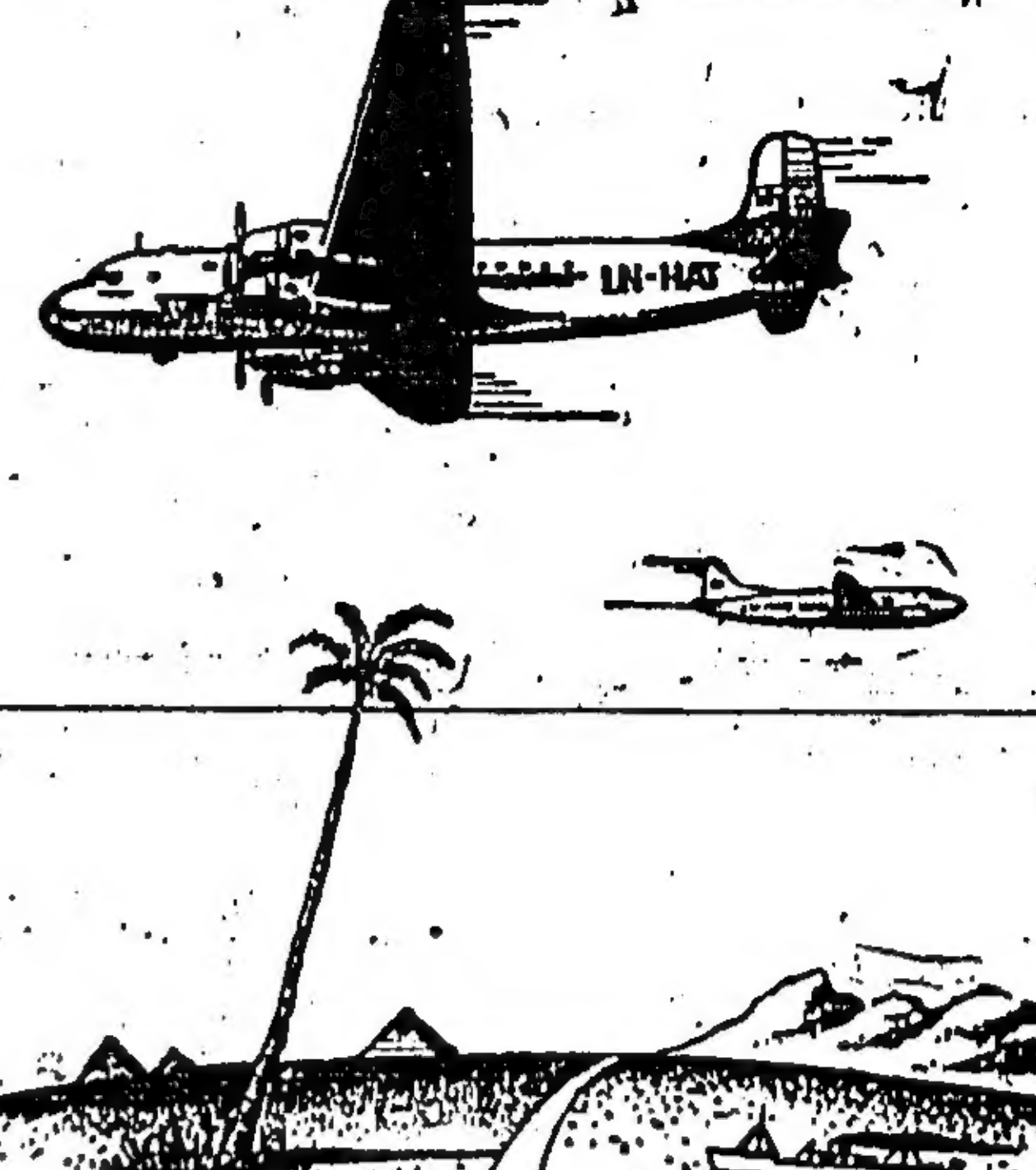
The German soldier was shot and the Russians went back to their own car.—United Press.

**Lack Of Radar**

London, September 16. Captain W. H. C. Coombs, President of the Officers' (Merchant Navy) Federation, stated today that only 100 of the 3,000 vessels in Britain's Mercantile Marine Fleet are fitted with modern radar equipment.

He told the annual meeting of the Federation that at the end of the last war Britain led in radar, but after three years of neglect, there was a serious drop in the standard of navigation and general operation.—Reuter.

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**RAF Aided Russia**

London, September 17. The Royal Air Force claimed credit on Thursday for major assistance to Russia in the dark days of the war against Germany in 1941.

An operations report just published said the RAF was assigned on June 14, 1941, to prevent withdrawal of German Air Force fighters to the East, where a German attack on Russia was imminent.

"Throughout the summer and autumn of 1941 roughly one third of the total establishment of German first line single-engine fighters was contained on the Western Front," it said.

The report was written by Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas (now Lord Douglas), then C-in-C of the RAF Fighter Command. It covered lighter operations between November 25, 1940 and December 31, 1941.—Associated Press.

**PRETTIEST COLEEN**

New York, September 17. Miss Dublin of 1948, a pretty brunette Irish colleen known in Westford, Conn., as Miss Gertrude Maylar, aged 18, arrived here by air to begin a 10-day visit to New York City, part of the award which went with her selection in the Dublin contest.

She told reporters that she competed with 4,000 Irish girls to win the title.

She told how she was to have made the trip last May but was brought down with vaccine fever after receiving an inoculation before leaving for America.—Associated Press.

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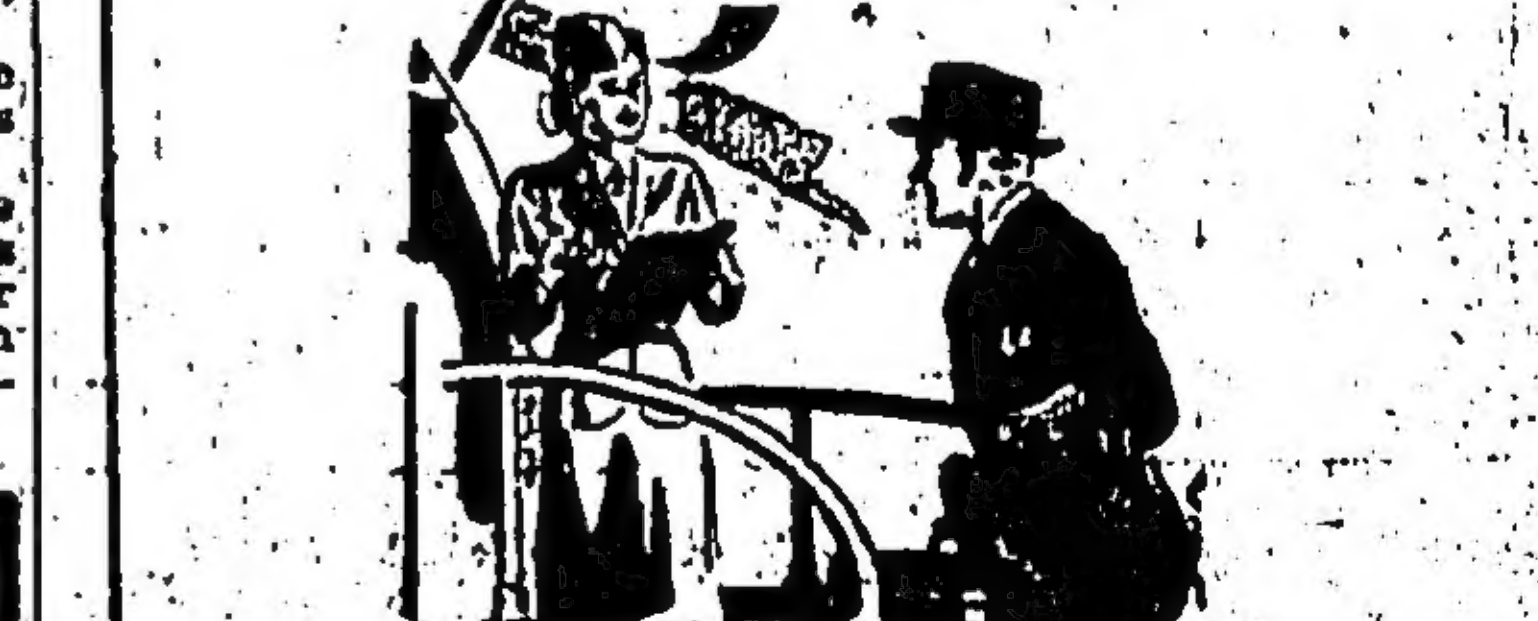
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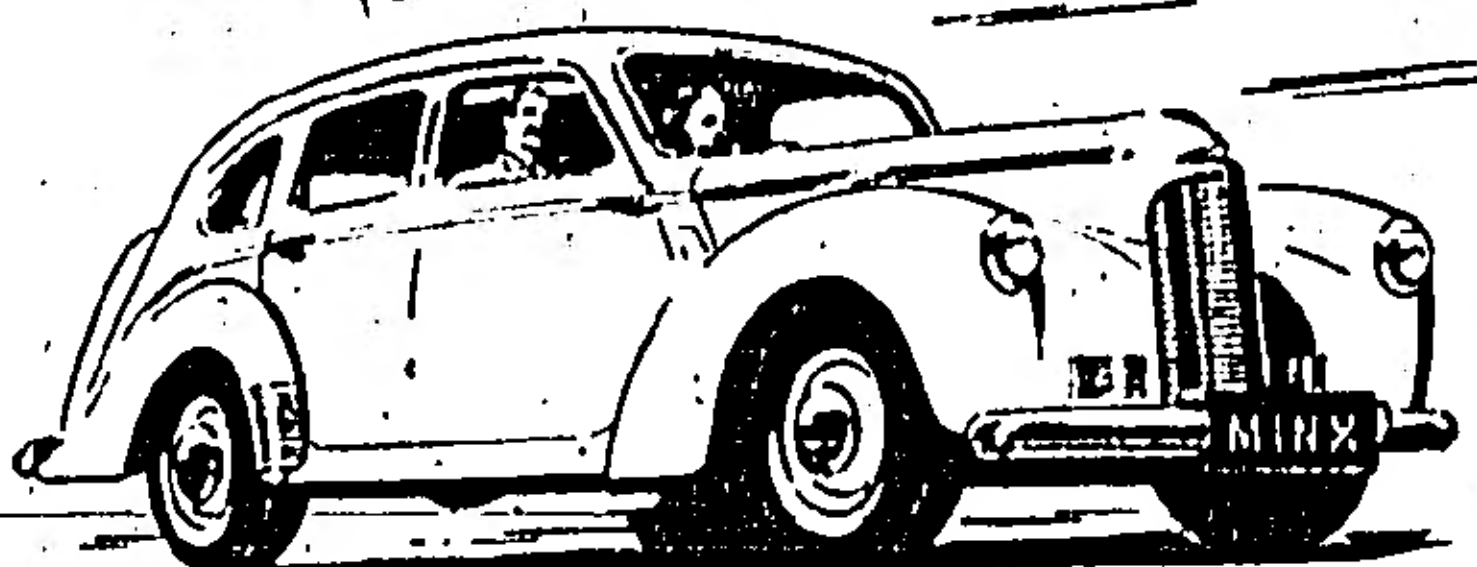
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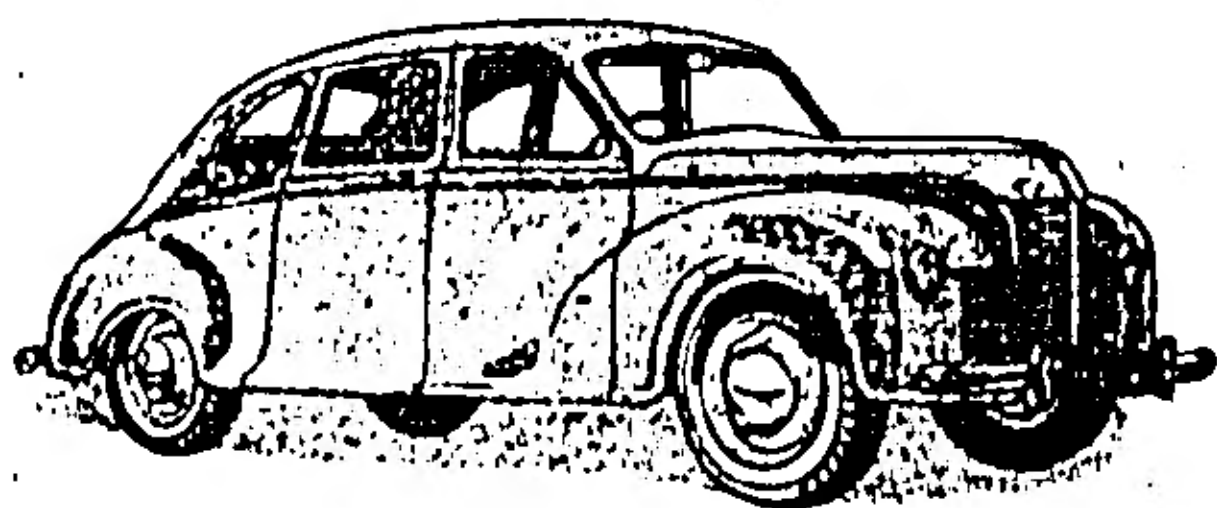
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# MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

## TURBINE ENGINES FOR CARS BEING MADE IN BRITAIN

Striking claims have been made—savings of 200 lbs. in weight, and the development of 180 horse-power from engines only 17 ins. in diameter amongst them. Announcements of this kind are welcome proof of the vitality of the British motor industry and the foresight of its chief executives, but it must be admitted that the practical use of such engines in everyday motor-cars is neither for this year nor for next; 5 to 10 years from now would be a more sober estimate.

There are, firstly, a small group of cars made in limited quantities which are highly expensive for the accommodation which they offer and which depend for their appeal on a combination of remarkably high performance and safety. The British Healey with an engine of only 150 cubic inches capacity has covered a measured distance timed by the Royal Automobile Club at no less than 141 miles per hour, and although this is abnormal even judged by British standards, there are a number of other products, such as the Bentley, Bristol, Fraser Nash,

Recently two British companies, one a fledgling of some two years, the other one of the oldest established firms in the automobile industry, announced the construction of a turbine engine for motor-cars.

The younger company, Centrax Ltd., was formed by people who were amongst the pioneers in the development of turbine engines for fighter aircraft; the older concern, Rover's, were actually the first to get into production with the aircraft turbine engines designed by the now world-famous Air Commodore Whittle.

Lines which have been developed to give exceptional power in proportion to their size and to withstand high speed running indefinitely without trouble.

**Striking Lowness**  
Most striking, however, will be the exceptional lowness of these cars. This is not achieved without sacrifice for the transmission encroaches upon the centre of the body, and although enclosed in a tunnel makes it difficult to seat more than two people on the front seat, Triumph overcomes this by an ingenious compromise. The height of the car is lower than normal but, at the same time, a full three-seater bench-

ceed 70 m.p.h.; it will cruise quite comfortably at 50 m.p.h. and at this speed returns a fuel consumption as low as 32.5 m.p.g. Probably the greatest attraction, however, is the very small overall dimensions. The length is only 153 ins. and the width 61 ins. and this gives an ease of parking which makes the car highly suitable for town traffic and short journeys with many stops.

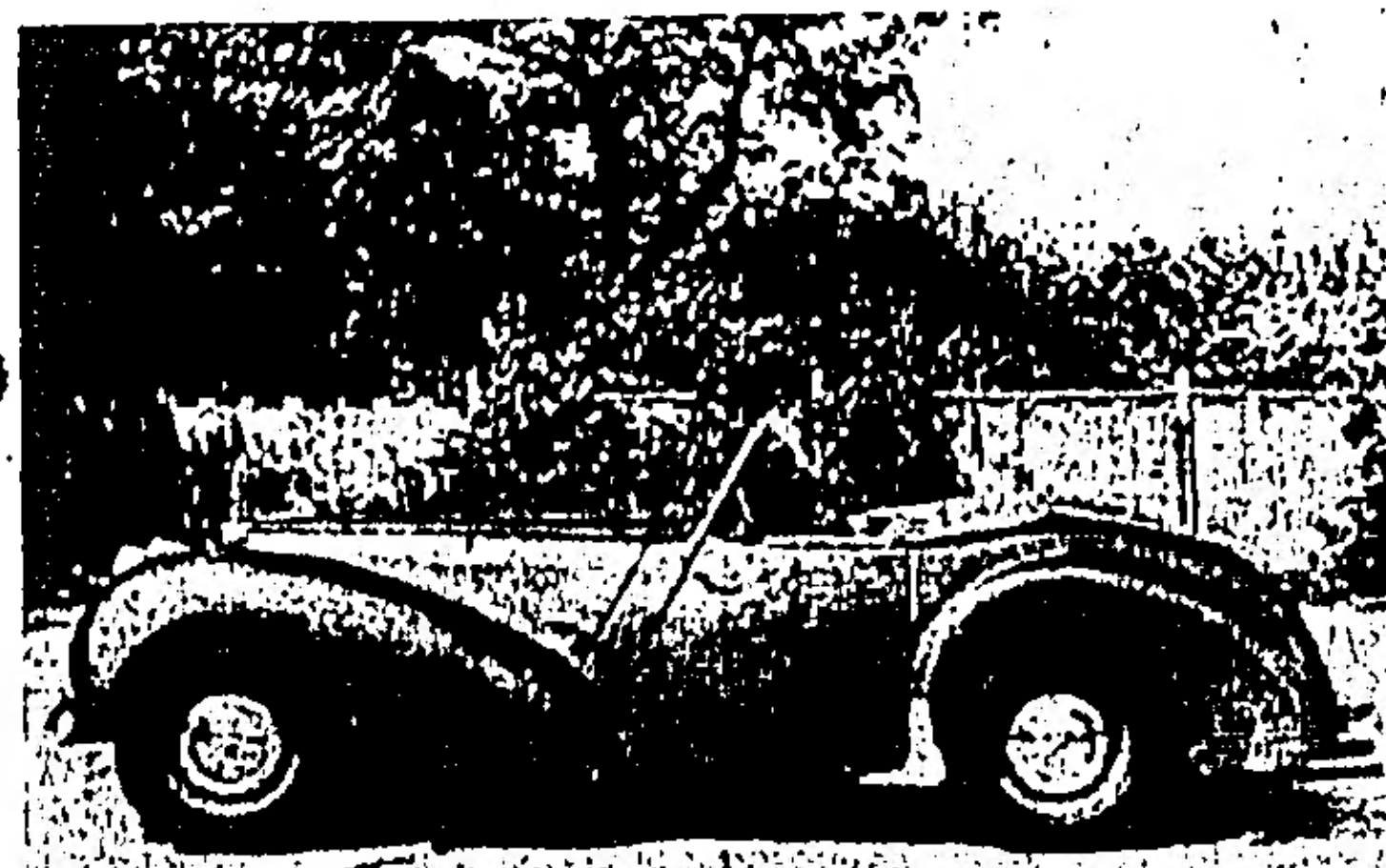
The Austin Company also produce a big car with 120 h.p. engine and this, typically, embodies a number of refinements which are found only on British cars such as the automatic jacking system. The touch of an electric switch activates an electrically-driven oil pump and lifts the front or back wheels, or both, at the driver's command. In other words, with a British car the presence of a service station and a mechanic around the corner is not assumed.

### Chassis Oiling

A similar endeavour to make the driver self-sufficient in the oiling systems. These work on various principles. In some cases the movement of the car over the road work a float which pumps oil from a reservoir to the chassis bearings; in others the driver presses a plunger at intervals; yet a third scheme, used on the new Rover cars, is to seal all the chassis bearings and to enclose all the moving parts so that lubrication is required only at five to ten thousand mile intervals. Convenience to drivers and passengers is particularly prominent in all British designs.

Seats can be varied in height as well as slid to and fro; steering wheels can slide up and down the column and then be locked in the most comfortable position, and there are bench-type seats which have large dividing centrepieces at the front of the car as well as at the back, together with additional outer arm rests for the driver and the passenger. In Britain the overwhelming majority of cars built since the war have been of pre-war design. The new generation of

### CONVERTIBLE ROADSTER



The Triumph Roadster was designed and built as a single car for the personal use of the managing director, Sir John Black, but so many people wanted a copy that it was put into series production. By raising the top and side windows the open body can be converted into a closed three-seater. ("Motor" photo)

Gordano, and Jaguar, which will exceed 90 m.p.h. by a substantial margin. What is more they will do this with remarkable economy—of running. The Bristol, for example, has recently returned a measured fuel consumption of 20 miles per gallon at a sustained speed of 80 m.p.h. and 26 m.p.g. at a sustained 70 m.p.h., both of these figures being taken with a corrected speedometer which means that they are the equivalent of roughly 75 and 100 m.p.h. with the ordinary commercial instrument.

Cars of this kind are powered with small engines—embracing the utmost in mechanical refinement as exemplified by aircraft engine practice. For example, the six-cylinder Bristol had three carburetors and an aluminium cylinder head, whilst both cars have large inclined overhead valves exactly as are used by Wright, Pratt & Whitney to secure maximum efficiency in airline operation. The brakes and steering connections of these cars and the suspension systems they employ are also directly related to racing-car practice and give safety and stability beyond comparison with normal cars.

Standing between these high-priced, handmade models, and the mass-production type are the faster cars, such as Jaguar, Triumph and M.G., which use a substantial volume of mass-produced parts in their making but yet achieve exclusivity by special engine design and body work. All these three cars have, for example, overhead-valve en-

type seat is provided. On the other two the very maximum in road-worthiness is sought and by putting the seats as closely as possible to the ground there is no doubt that a very striking appearance is achieved. All of these cars retain separate mudguards and headlamps, and although many think this to be unduly conservative style there can be little doubt of the very real practical advantages of the arrangements. Headlamps are accessible for adjustment and repair and any damage to the side of the car through road accidents is usually limited to parts which are easily detached and replaced.

Coming below these cars in price, and exceeding them in popular appeal are the lower-priced models which form in England, as elsewhere in the world, the vast bulk of the cars sold. Amongst the latest designs to be introduced is the Austin A40 Devon or Dorset which matches 40 developed horse-power, against a comparatively light and small car.

It will, in consequence, ex-

### Expected To Own 42 Million Cars

The 153,000,000 persons expected to make up the population of the United States in 1953 can be expected to own 42,000,000 cars, according to John R. Davis, Ford director of sales and advertising, at new model announcement time. Mr. Davis reported that the 31,000,000 passenger cars now in use in the U.S. is 7,000,000 below what might be expected if the public could buy as many as it wanted. Steel and other shortages have held back production, but he said, will mean that not until 1950 will the average man be able to get immediate delivery.

Production of cars for the domestic market in 1948, Mr. Davis said, will not far exceed 1947's, 3,200,000 units while total car and truck production appears on the way to 5,000,000 units of which about 10 per cent will be exported. Mr. Davis added some new figures on used car prices. He said that since 1941 the price of one-year-old car has risen 100 per cent; more than 200 per cent for a two-year old car; and almost 500 per cent for a six-year old.

### Austin Produces Two New Models

Two entirely new models have been announced by the Austin Motorcar Company (of Longbridge, Birmingham). They are the "A-90 Atlantic" drophead convertible coupe and the "A-70 Hampshire" medium size saloon. The convertible coupe has been primarily designed to attract the American motorist, but it is obvious that the whole world will be tremendously enthusiastic over its futuristic line and design. It is a striking looking sports car with a low, sweeping line and a distinct slope of the bonnet, which, in addition to its attractive appearance, gives the driver the best possible forward view. The car has a frontal appearance different to other cars of its range; it is more advanced in design. A notable feature is that it can be converted from a saloon to an open car and vice-versa by a power-operated switch on the driver's door. A side window also opens and shuts the side windows. This is the first time this feature has been incorporated in a standard British car. The engine is a four-cylinder overhead valve of 2,000 cubic capacity and has twin carburetors. It develops 88 h.p. at 4,000 r.p.m.

### Additional To "16"

The "A-70 Hampshire" saloon is additional to the present type of Austin "16" which will still be in production for the next 12 months. Its frontal appearance is similar to the popular "A-40" with the line of the front wings carried through to rear enclosed wheels. The interesting features of the car include a four-speed gear-box and independent front suspension. The gear control on the steering column enables three persons to travel on the two front seats. Both these new models are being shown at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. They will be on view in a fortnight's time in New York and San Francisco.

### Exports From UK Increase

The figures for vehicle exports from the United Kingdom in the first six months of 1948 show an encouraging increase over the statistics for the same period of 1947. A total of 115,800 cars and 34,000 commercial vehicles went overseas from January to the end of June this year, compared with 88,000 and 23,100 "respectively" for the first six months of last year.

In financial terms, vehicle exports were £51.4 million for the last quarter of 1947, £55.5 million for the first quarter of 1948, and £60.3 million for the second quarter.

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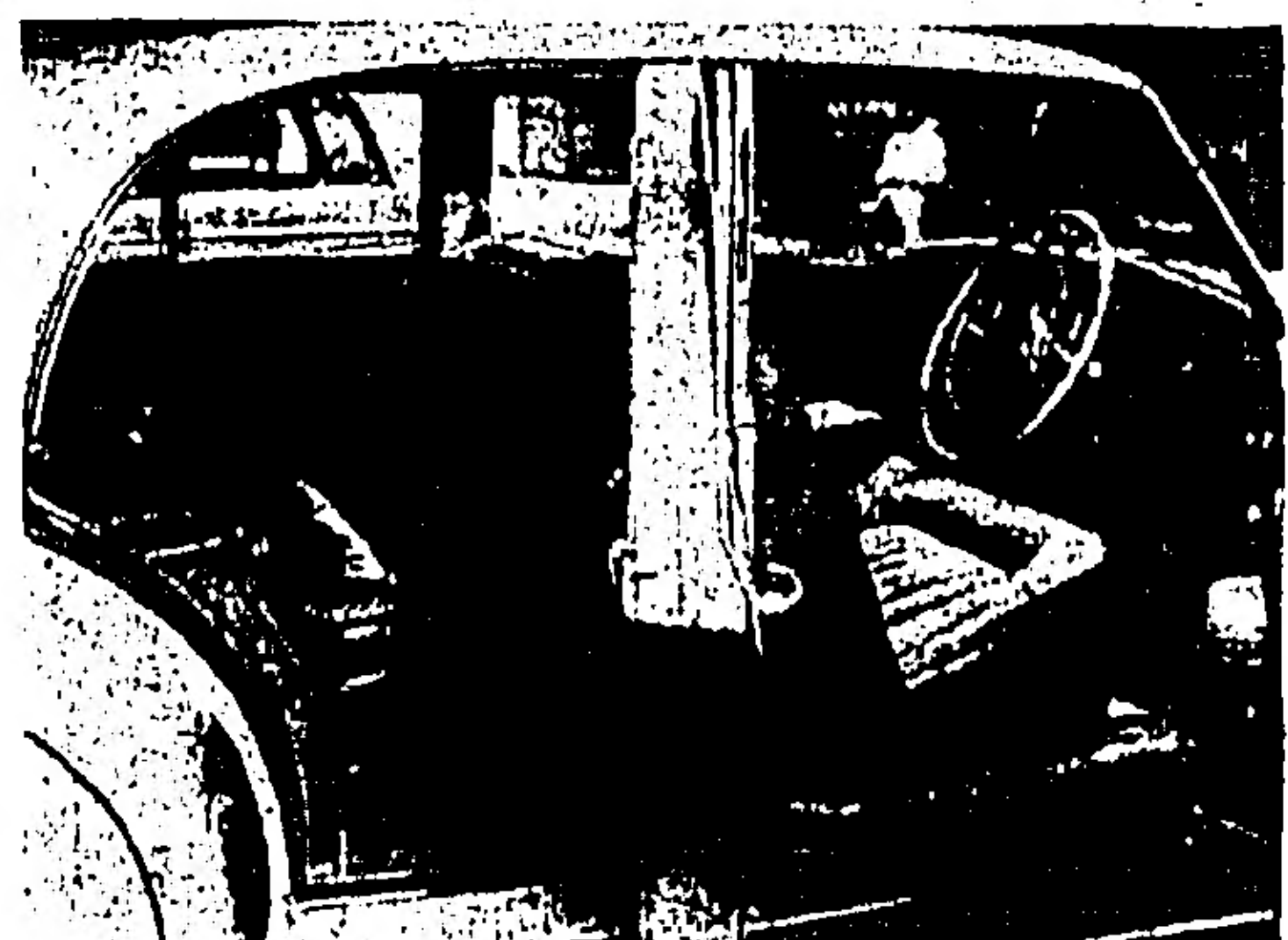
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The 135 h.p. Austin Princess model has a custom built body with aluminium panelling and a lavishly equipped interior. Both front and rear seats can be divided by a centre arm-piece. Front seats and small picnic tables are fitted into the back of the front seats. An inbuilt radio set has twin loudspeakers. ("Motor" photo)

### Car Show For UK This Year

The United Kingdom's first International Motor Exhibition—33rd in the series organised by Britain's Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Ltd.—will take place from October 27 to November 6 at Earl's Court, London. All the available space has been taken up by the 472 participating exhibitors. All sections of the industry will be well represented. The sections, with the numbers of exhibitors in each, are as follows: Car, 49; Carriage Work, 21; Accessory and Component, 25; Tyre, 10; Motor Boat, 48; Transport Service Equipment, 15; Caravan and Light Trailer, 18. The exhibition is international in scope.

### Personality Can Cause Accidents

Poor driving can definitely be traced to personality factors, according to tests recently conducted by the Connecticut State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Studies were made of 180 licensed drivers, half having records of repeated traffic violations and accidents, and the other half having driven at least 100,000 miles with clear records. Tests made over a two week period showed marked differences in attitudes between the two groups. The group with bad records tended to feel that freedom from accidents depends more on good luck than on the driver's ability, and many showed evidence of emotional habits that might upset a driver under conditions of stress.

A large number of people in this group also expressed the belief that five to 10 drinks of alcoholic beverages had no effect on their driving ability. Most striking contrast of opinion between the two groups was their preference as to driving speeds, the drivers with good records tending to prefer more moderate speeds.

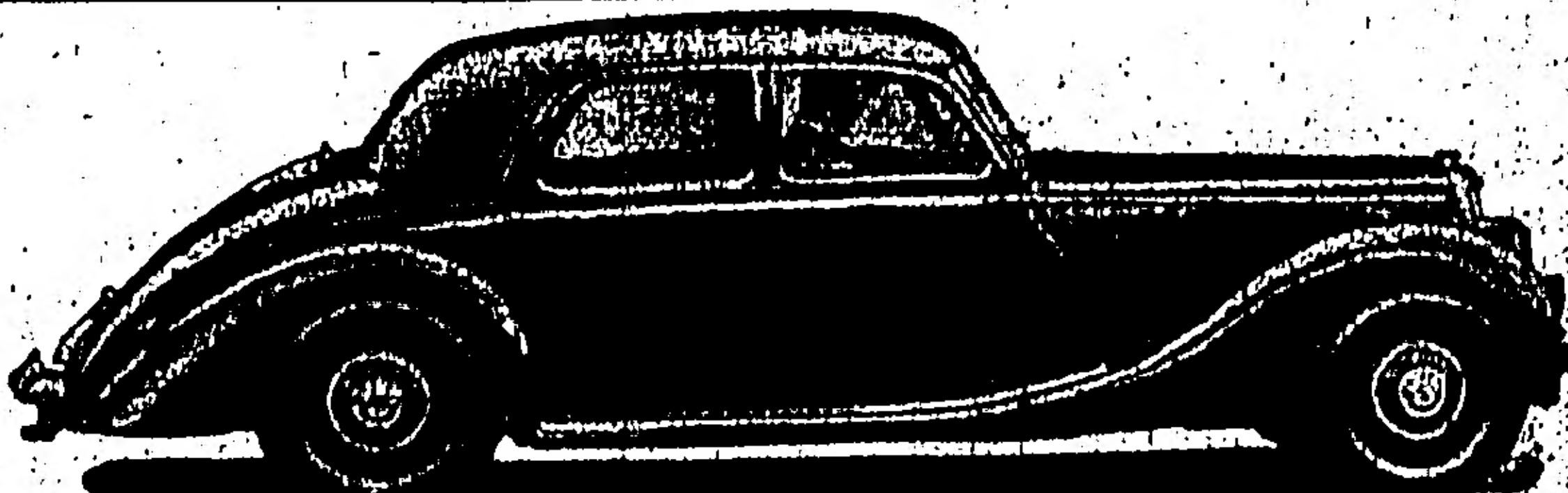
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## Arts Described Non-Moral

Brighton, September 16. Describing the trends of contemporary stage, cinema and fiction in an address before the British Association of Scientists here, Viscount Samuel, President of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, declared that the arts had become frankly non-moral. "Crime is entertainment, murder a parlor game, adultery taken as a matter of course, compulsion and remorse have little place and religion never enters," he said.—Reuter.

## Smuts

### Calls For Immigrants

Capetown, September 16. General Jan Smuts, leader of the South African Opposition, called today for large-scale immigration into the Union to strengthen its position in a world in which "I see the danger signals."

He referred to the "apprehension" over the "great experiment in European civilization" in Africa and declared: "The only solution is to strengthen our numbers and to repeat the process that was set going in a smaller scale in a previous epoch."

"The Government Party" (Dr. Daniel Malan's Nationalists) has been moved by similar considerations on different lines. They are going in for a policy of repatriation (of Africans), but that will not meet the matter constructively and properly as a policy of large-scale immigration would do.

"I do not think that in the interests of South Africa we should let this opportunity pass now and let down this strong move in the development of South Africa."

"I have a sense of urgency in this matter. I also see danger signals in the world. I see how precarious our position is in this great Continent, and this opportunity may never occur again."—Reuter.

## Accusation By Pravda

Moscow, September 16. The United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, was today accused by Pravda of taking sides with the Anglo-American bloc in international affairs.

The Communist Party newspaper's critical analysis of Mr. Lie's recent annual report said, "Lie's position corresponds to the interests of the Anglo-American bloc and not to the interests of the peace and security of nations."

"Trygve Lie not only is unobjective, but actually is taking sides with the Anglo-American bloc and supporting the bloc's activities, which are directed towards evading and violating the Charter of the United Nations."

Pravda took exception to practically every important issue in Mr. Lie's annual report.—United Press.

## TO CONTEST NEW AIR ORDER

London, September 16. The Opposition is to contest the Government's new order empowering the authorities to impose any unauthorised aircraft landing in Britain.

The order has been introduced to stem the activities of South African private company, the Mercury Airways, which has been making flights to and from Britain.

The Government maintains that this contravenes a provision in the Civil Aviation Act giving a monopoly on the South African route to a British State-owned airline.

A number of Conservatives have put down a motion for Monday night asking that the order be annulled.—Reuter.

## FIJI CHIEFTAINS OFFER SERVICES

Suva, Fiji, September 16. Fiji chieftains have written to King George VI offering their services if Britain is involved in another war.

The letter said: "We know that the shadow of a possible impending war is cast on the world again and we hasten to assure Your Majesty of our services in whatever capacity for the defence of your person and empire—a task in which our young men have already, we hope, displayed some little prowess."

More than 2,000 Fijians served overseas in the last war.—Reuter.

# MEETING ENDS IN BATTLE

## De Gaullists And Communists Fight While General Watches

Paris, September 16. Communists and de Gaullists fought a pitched battle for 10 minutes today within a few feet of General Charles de Gaulle in the city of Grenoble. The General watched the fight unruffled and left unharmed.

The battle started when a Communist counter-demonstration tried to break up the arranged appearance of General de Gaulle in the Place de l'Hôtel de Ville in front of Grenoble's City Hall. The General's bodyguards intervened and clubs flew. The battle became general between de Gaullists and Communists, sympathisers. At times there was will slugging within a few feet of the General himself.

Several persons from both sides were slightly injured before the police broke up the fighting. It was the first time the Communists had made a direct attempt to interfere with a city at which General de Gaulle himself appeared, although they had previously made many veiled threats in that direction. The incident occurred when all France was about the series of crises over the past two months could lead only to an open fight between de Gaullists and Communists.

## Economy Measures

The Grenoble battle exploded as the new Government of M. Henri Queuille announced through a radio broadcast a series of economy measures which led to the constant growing outbreak of strikes throughout the nation.

It was estimated that half a million workers were already on strike and more walkouts of varying duration are expected. Tonight, the Right Wing predominantly Catholic Popular Republican party announced that it would support the Government's programme only if the Government would do something to cut the sky-high price of food. United Press.

## Strike Epidemic

Some 300,000 Paris region metal workers today joined the spreading French strike epidemic against high prices, as the Government prepared for a debate tomorrow on a plan to stabilise the franc and replenish the State's empty coffers. The metal workers downed

## Yugoslav Apprentices Leave Czechoslovakia

Belgrade, September 16. Three thousand Yugoslav industrial apprentices in Czechoslovakia are returning home immediately after alleged attempts by the Czechoslovak authorities to make them declare themselves against Marshal Tito, according to Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency.

The agency reported from Prague that the youths held mass meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday demanding repatriation and protesting at the arrest of 80 of them by Prague police last week.

Seven of the apprentices' supervisors were arrested yesterday in various Czechoslovak towns, and an employee of the Social Department of the Yugoslav Embassy in Prague was detained, the agency said. Telephone lines linking youth hostels in Moravia were alleged to have been cut.

"Cruel Methods" The mass meetings protested, according to the agency, against the "cruel police methods" used in the arrest of 80 apprentices, the alleged preventing of Yugoslav Embassy officials from getting in to contact with the youths and

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## USSR Plan For Radio Rejected

Copenhagen, September 16. Nine wavelengths have been allocated to Germany under the European wavelength plan drawn up by the European Radio Congress in Copenhagen which has now ended three months of intensive work in reorganising Europe's broadcasting.

The allocations are: The British Zone of Germany, 917 and 1,380; the American Zone, 989 and 1,002; the French Zone, 1,190 and 1,538; the Russian Zone, 1,570; the Occupation Forces' broadcast, 1,554; German station 1,043 (all Kilocycles). The stations will broadcast under a power of 70 kilowatts.

The discussions on the German allocations were stormy and sometimes bitter. The Russian view was that four wavelengths should be allocated—one for each Zone.

France, supported by the Western powers, opposed this and it was proposed that nine wavelengths should be provided. The British view was that Germany should have sufficient wavelengths to enable the German people to be well informed on world events and not to rely on one station only for information and comment.

Russia objected to this and in a stormy session, the Russian delegate described as "sabotage" the decision by the Danish President of the Congress, Mr. J. Holmblad, to put the matter to a ballot.

The Congress, nevertheless, carried the Western proposals. Germany was represented at the Congress by officials from the various occupation authorities.

Objections against the presence of United States officials at the Congress were made by Russia on grounds that the Congress was only for European broadcasting nations, but they were rejected by a majority.—Reuter.

## Apology To Ethiopian

Washington, September 16. The State Department tonight expressed regret for an incident in which the Ethiopian Minister to the United States, Mr. Ras H.S. Imru, was requested to leave a meeting hall here on Monday night because of his colour.

This took place at the Constitution Hall where a conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was being held.

The Hall is owned by the militant women's organisation, "The Daughters of the American Revolution," and has been the scene of similar incidents in the past.

The State Department made known its feelings after the Ethiopian Legation had lodged a formal protest.—Reuter.

## "RED SHIRTS" OUTLAWED

Peshawar, September 16. The "Red Shirt" organisation founded by Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, the Muslim Congress Party supporter known as the "Frontier Gandhi," has been declared illegal by the North-West Frontier Government.

Khan Abdul, who is now President of the "People's Party" in the province, and his elder brother, Dr. Ishaq Sahib, last Congress Premier of the North-West Frontier Province, are in prison after being arrested for "anti-Pakistan activities."—Reuter.

## Was Not A Solomon

Manila, September 16. Postmaster Andres Abella of Cebu had an intricate mathematical problem. His office ran out of one-cent stamps but had plenty of two-cent stamps. The problem: Whether to sell two-cent stamps for one-cent or force the people who needed only one-cent stamps to buy two-cent stamps. Postmaster Abella solved the problem by cutting two-cent stamps in two. He lost his job.—Associated Press.

## Spy Court Judge Dies

Jerusalem, September 16. One of the three Jerusalem District Court judges trying two Britons accused of spying by the State of Israel, died today after collapsing during the morning's session of the court.

The judge was 42-year-old Dr. Gad Stulz.

The accused at the trial were Frederick Sylvester and William Hawkins. The trial was adjourned until Monday.—Reuter.

# Communist Activities In SE Asia Linked With Opposition To ERP

Washington, September 16. Authoritative quarters in Washington were today inclined to link the Communist activities in South East Asia with the Cominform's sworn opposition to the European Recovery Programme, following a State Department announcement that diplomatic representatives in South East Asia met earlier this year to study and collate information on the problem.

The Department, declaring itself "very much interested" in the problem, declined to give details of its views on the matter, but authoritative quarters point out that many Marshall Plan countries get much of their economic support from their possessions in South East Asia.

Informed diplomatic quarters here expressed agreement with Mr. Ernest Bevin that the various developments were part of a concerted Communist effort.

In this connection, unofficial but informed quarters in Washington recalled that a new Soviet Legation was opened in Bangkok last May and now has a staff of 40 Russians. It was suggested that this might be the

## Rail Traffic Restored

Rangoon, September 16. Rail traffic between Rangoon and Mandalay has been restored three days after the insurgents destroyed a section of the line south of Toungoo—and Government troops captured a large number of saboteurs in the Toungoo district, tonight's Burmese Government communiqué announced.

The situation at Toungoo was reported to be quiet.

In the mopping-up operations near Mandalay, 10 insurgents were killed and 47 captured, and a number of "White Band" People's Volunteer Organisation members, the armed militia of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League, surrendered to the Government forces at Maymo hill station, near Mandalay.

Burmese Air Force Spitfires struck against insurgents at a villa village near Syrian yesterday, it was added.—Reuter.



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## EAST-WEST TALKS IN MOSCOW

### Envoys May Have Week-End Meeting

London, September 17. An authoritative British source said on Thursday that the Western envoys expect to see Russia's Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov on the East-West Berlin dispute over the week-end. The source said the envoys were awaiting a call from the Russian Foreign Minister to whom they had made "certain representations" when they saw him on Tuesday. He added that if Molotov turns those down it may well end the Moscow phase of the 49-day-old East-West exchanges.

In that case he said, the talks probably will be switched to Paris to be continued either informally by the big four Foreign Ministers or their aides or by the United Nations Assembly if the Western powers decide to appeal to that body. Responsible diplomatic officials said the Western powers have by no means made up their minds to turn to the United Nations if the Moscow talks end in deadlock. These officials pointed out that the Western powers have stressed repeatedly that they are not prepared to negotiate a settlement on Berlin "under duress."

The tricky point still to be decided according to one official who has been following the talks from the inside is whether talks in the assembly about Berlin would not in fact constitute "negotiation under duress."

For while the United Nations debates the matter the Russians could still be exerting pressure in Berlin. The British at least have not made up their minds what to do, these officials said.

Many British newspapers reported that the Western envoys told Molotov their governments wanted a reply to the questions they put to him within a stated time—well before the arranged September 21 opening of the United Nations General Assembly.

The British informant said today no such time limit had been specified. He said, however, the envoys probably pointed out to Mr. Molotov that they would like to know one way or another what could be done to achieve a settlement in Berlin before they left Moscow to attend the United Nations meetings in Paris.

A Foreign Office spokesman made these two points at a news conference: (1) Frank Roberts, British envoy will not return to Moscow; (2) that the collapse of the talks is not expected.—Associated Press.

## Fashion Show Murder

Lake Como, Italy, September 16. The police reported that the beautiful Italian Countess Pia Belloni shot and killed one of Italy's richest silk industrialists here last night during one of the season's smartest fashion shows. The victim, Carlo Sacchi, aged 42, was shot as he applauded 51 parading models of the Biki fashion house. The police said that the countess, who is a member of the oldest aristocracy in Reggio Emilia, refused to give any reason for the shooting. She and her husband were under arrest. The fashion show had just begun in the popular Villa Desse Grand Hotel on Lake Como when the countess left her table, returned with a gun and shot Sacchi through the chest. Witnesses said that the sound of the shot was barely audible over the noise of the applause and the orchestra. Sacchi died before reaching the hospital.—United Press.

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### Invitation To Siam

London, September 17. A Board of Trade official said on Thursday that Britain has invited Siam to send a purchasing mission to this country. He said Siam is interested mainly in capital equipment. Siam has got together a stock of sterling through postwar exports, the official said, and would have more trade with Britain except for lack of a close contact. "We suggested, therefore," he said, "that Siam might send a purchasing mission here to give them an opportunity of meeting manufacturers and that there will be no difficulty in placing orders."—Associated Press.

## President's Son To Take Over Garrison Command

Shanghai, September 17. Major General Chiang Ching-kuo, the President's son and right hand man in the current stop-inflation drive, has been appointed commander of the Shanghai-Woosung garrison headquarters. The garrison has jurisdiction over a large area around Shanghai down to the estuary of the Yangtze. It is the supreme military organ in this district.

Outgoing commander Lieutenant General Hsiao Ti-wu told reporters he thought the appointment wise. "This is a kind of revolution against the rich to better the welfare of the under-privileged," he said.

Unless Chiang has the garrison force under him as part of his efforts in the economic control work, the efforts will be wasted.

When young Chiang was sent down to Shanghai to make his father's orders stick nearly a month ago he was given the vague title of Deputy Economic Supervisor for Shanghai.

The Economic Supervisor was O. K. Yu, Governor of the Central Bank of China. Sources close to Chiang insisted—for the record—that Chiang was only a deputy. But confidentially it was freely admitted that he took orders from no-one but his father Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

There had been muffled grumbles because everytime young Chiang went to Nanking he approached neither the Legislative nor Executive Yuan, but went direct to the Generalissimo. Their decisions made, father and son appeared before the Yuan.

Local observers regarded young Chiang's appointment as evidence of the Generalissimo's approval of his actions and the methods he used during the past month.

—Associated Press.

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Singapore, September 17. Singapore's food control department reports a general fall in recent months in most food prices.

Chief among these has been the price of blackmarket rice now selling for the equivalent of 22 US cents a pound, about half what it cost five months ago.

But food officials said, fresh fish, poultry and eggs had increased in price recently.—Associated Press.

## China Will Introduce Resolution At UN Talks

Shanghai, September 17. China will introduce a resolution against the abuse of veto rights at the United Nations General Assembly session in Paris, the Foreign Minister, Wang Shih-chieh, confirmed shortly before departing for Europe by plane early this morning.

Wang, who is to head the Chinese delegation to the Assembly, indicated that China's proposal will advocate no revision of the United Nations Charter but will urge the Assembly to vote on the interpretation of sections concerning the veto power in order to restrict the Big Five in the exercise of special rights.

He said the Chinese resolution will also emphasize Big Five consultations outside the Assembly sessions with a view to reaching an agreement restricting the veto power.

Wang also said that China will support resolutions regarding an international police force.

He evaded the question concerning reported Chinese plans to bring about an early Japanese peace settlement during the Paris meeting among top level Big Five representatives.

He confirmed the reports that he will visit England after the Paris meeting and may even visit the United States.

Enroute to Paris, Wang will meet the Siamer leader, Luang Phibun Songgram, during a one-night rest in Bangkok, and the Indian leader, Pandit Nehru, while in New Delhi.—United Press.

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**RAF SEEKS RESERVES**

London, September 17. Air Minister Arthur Henderson said on Thursday the Royal Air Force will seek almost 6,400 new reserves in the recruiting drive Britain will open on October 1.

He laid down this goal at a meeting in which service chiefs discussed the campaign with chairmen of the Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association.

Others at Thursday's meeting were Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary for War and Sir Hugh Sanders.

Service chiefs earlier conferred with Prime Minister Clement Attlee at No. 10 Downing Street. They were reported to have talked about how much it will cost to carry out the Government's new policy of keeping currently enrolled troops in service three months beyond their discharge date.—Associated Press.

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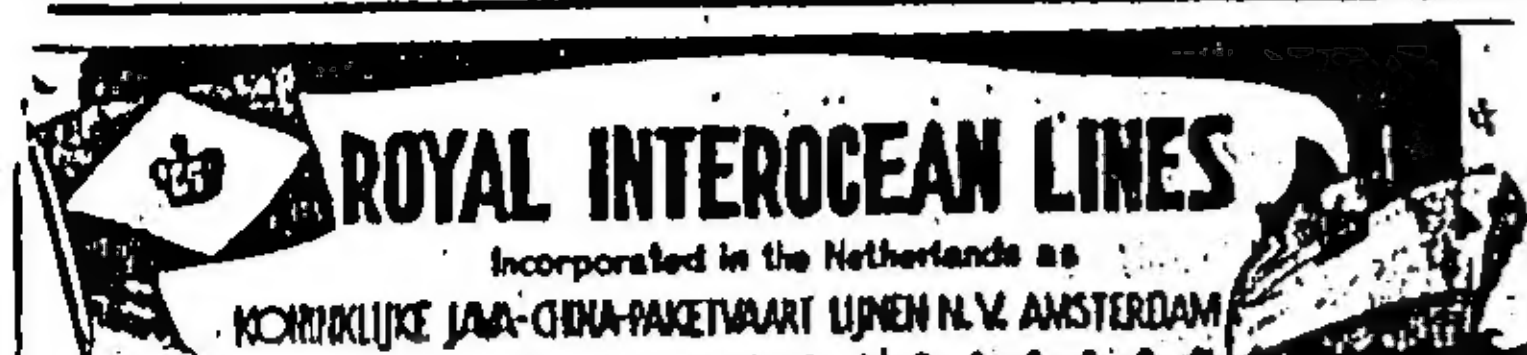
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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# BRITISH TRADING DEFICIT REDUCED BY 55 PER CENT

London, September 16.

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Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps announced this to a cheering House of Commons today. His statement coincided with the publication of revised estimates of Britain's balance of payments up to the middle of 1948.

## London Stock Exchange

London, September 16.  
The second day of the new account was noticeable for the decline in interest which was attributed largely to the uncertainty surrounding the political outlook.

A generally easier tendency prevailed throughout most sections of the London stock market although selling was on a small scale. Government securities, however, were firm.

Among industrial shares, stores were easier as were the railway shares. Selected improvements were to be seen in iron and steel with Birmingham Small Arms 6d better at 24 1/2.

After a short pause, shares were again in demand, being helped by the speed-up in higher production. Most issues showed useful gains although many of these had somewhat diminished by the close. By 4.15 p.m. prices of the main index stood at 37 1/2.

Among mines, Raffles were quietly easier while elsewhere West African shares showed Ashanti gold mines, which have been recently supported on development news, declining on disappointment with the final assay figures, which was 4.1 pennyweight short a width of ten test. Prices of this issue declined to 40 1/2.

### SECURITIES

British Consols, 2 1/2% 77 1/2, Conversion Loan, 3 1/2% 1941-1945, Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 1946-1947, War Loan, 5 1/2% 1942-1948, War Loan, 5 1/2% 1943-1948, War Loan, 5 1/2% 1944-1948, Victory Bonds, 4 1/2% 1945-1948.

### RAILWAY SHARES

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## BridgeHouse Case Starts Next Month

Singapore, September 17.

Lieutenant Colonel L. A. Masie is sailing for Hong Kong tomorrow aboard the ss. Dilwara to become President of the court inquiring into the Shanghai Bridge House Kem-pai case, according to Associated Press.

The case will not be tried before the end of October, an Army spokesman said.

The two suspected war criminals, Maj-Gen. Kinoshita Elchi and Sgt-Major Yoshida Bunzo, who were released from Stanley Gul last March were re-arrested in Japan last week.

Arrangements are now being made to return them to Hong Kong to face trial before a British Military War Crimes Court.

### Torture Charge

Kinoshita and Yoshida will be charged with being concerned in the torture and ill-treatment of internees, which is alleged to have taken place at Bridge House, Shanghai, during 1942. They will also be charged with being concerned in the death of William Hutton, who was a Chief Inspector of the Shanghai Police Force.

Kinoshita and Yoshida were held in custody in Stanley Gul until March this year, but owing to insufficient evidence held against them at this stage, the charges were dropped and they were released and repatriated to Japan.

In June this year the War Minister (Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell) ordered this case to be reopened for further investigation. This is now in progress and it is hoped to bring them to trial in Hong Kong the first week in October.

### Labour Woman Arouses NY Paper Interest

New York, September 17.  
The New York Daily News, which has the largest circulation in the United States, today devoted all its "Woman's Page" to Miss Raj Rallapalli of Lahore, one of the delegates at the conference on women and world reconstruction at Columbia University.

"Miss Ram, we are sure, would be voted one of the most colorful and glamorous of the some 50 delegates from 26 different countries," wrote Antonette Donnelly, the Woman's Page editor.

Besides her grooming, she introduces daily from her wardrobe another lovely sari.

"Her costumes are so lovely that we do hope the western clothes idea does not touch her native land,"—Reuter.

## NEW TAX PLAN FOR UN WORKERS

Lake Success, September 17.

A plan for the United Nations to raise the salaries of its employees and then tax away the exact amount of their raise was made public here today.

It is designed to solve a long debated taxation dispute that now makes other countries, including the Soviet Union, pay dollars which eventually end up in the United States Treasury.

The plan for United Nations taxation was prepared by the Secretary-General, Dr. Trygve Lie, who will refer it for approval to the General Assembly, convening on Tuesday in Paris. Under the scheme, United Nations workers could ask to be exempted from national income taxes on the ground that they were paying international taxes.

Most countries grant relief from double taxation. Virtually all United Nations employees, except the Americans, have already been exempted from income taxes by their governments. United Nations salaries were worked out on this basis.

The United States, whose citizens form the backbone of the United Nations, refused to grant exemptions to its nationals. It argued that a tax exempt class was a privileged class and un-American.

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"PRODUCE"	(Hoihow, Yokohama, Nagoya & Kobe)	4 p.m. 19th Sept.
"TSINAN"	Swatow	4 p.m. 19th Sept.
"DAIKEN"	Swatow, Saigon, Singapore & Bangkok	4 p.m. 22nd Sept.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin & Incheon (Korea)	10 a.m. 23rd Sept.
"SINKIANG"	Amoy, Fouchow & Shanghai	10 a.m. 24th Sept.
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STONHILL (Thoresen) ex-Atlantic Coast

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GENERAL GORDON (A.P.L.) ex-Manila  
MARINE SNAPPER (A.P.L.) ex-Manila  
TITALENGKA (R.I.L.) ex-Manila

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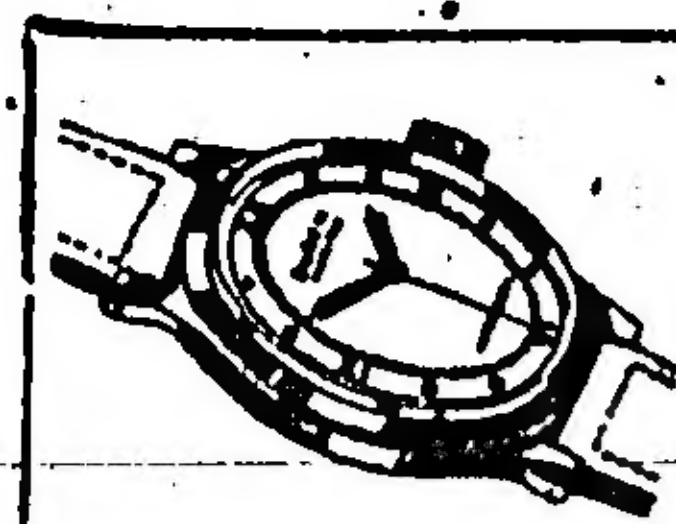
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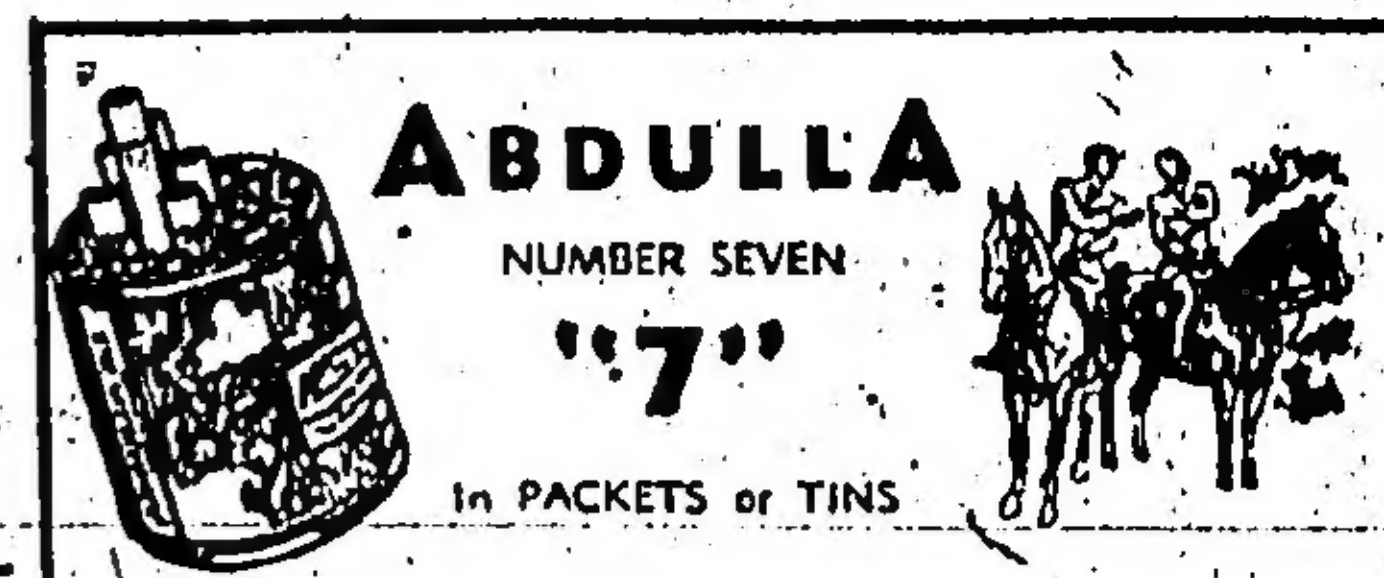




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## STURGESS WINS GAME TO ENTER SEMI-FINAL

### HK Victorious In Bowls Again

Shanghai, September 17. The Hong Kong bowlers scored their sixth straight victory here today, beating the Country Club by 28 points to 16.—Reuter.

## SWIMMERS READY FOR MEETING

The period of intense training for the Swimming Championships of the Colony is now over. When Monday comes, we shall be in the championship week. Preliminary heats will be swum for four days, the opening curtain on the finals of the year's greatest swimming show.

At the Victoria Recreation Club, the venue of this event, swimmers are busy completing additional stunts to accommodate an estimated 800 to 1,000 spectators expected to attend each of the four nights. The bath itself is being drained for a general cleaning; the pumping machinery checked to ensure no fault during the busy week, and the last screw has been fitted into the newly constructed platforms that mark one of the many changes in a system aimed at raising the standard of the Hong Kong swimming to a new high level.

In swimming circles all over the colony, the conversation is predominantly on the sport, speculating on chances of past champions and present champions, records that will go and those that will stay, the number of new events introduced, the interplay with the Philippines team to follow and meet on all our lanes, and changes in the British Empire Games of 1950 in New Zealand.

Swimmers are now beginning to be briefed. Last minute instructions in style and form are being sought; tips on diets, rest, exercises, and other details are repeated like a litany these few days and followed just as religiously.

When it is all over, less than 25 of them will be enjoying the fame and glamour of being champions. But the other 150 or so will have the satisfaction that, for the glory of sport, they have taken a game part.

## Inter-School Swimming

The events of the first day of the Inter-School Swimming meeting were held at the Chinese YMCA yesterday evening.

Results were as follows:  
50 metres free style (boys): Chung Kin-man, Tung Chai (31-17); Wong Kum-wah, Ellis Kadoorie (31-25); Wong Kwei-chi, Ellis Kadoorie; Lau Kuhn-hung, Fong Lum.

50 metres free style (girls): Wong Yoke-ling, Ling Ying (42); Wong Yoke-ling, Ling Ying (42-25); Chung Sau-fong, Fong Lum; Wong Suk-ling, Fong Lum.

200 metres breast stroke (boys): Leung Hin-kin, Ling Ying (31-35); Tung Chung-ho, Wai-shan (32-0-5); Chang Yik-shing, Ellis Kadoorie.

200 metres breast stroke (girls): Wong Yoke-ling, Ling Ying (1:30-2-5—bettering the Chinese National record); Mei Sau-wun, Ling Ying (4:11).

400 metres free style (boys): Chang Kin-man, Tung Chai (5:34-4-5); Wong Kum-wah, Ellis Kadoorie (5:35); Kong Kwok-yan, Fong Lum.

100 yards medley relay (boys): Ellis Kadoorie (2-7); Fong Lum (2-13); and Yung Yung.

The programme for tonight, the last night, follows:  
3 x 50 yards medley relay (girls); 100 metres free style (boys and girls); 100 metres back stroke (boys and girls); 4 x 50 yards free style relay (boys).

**GLAMORGAN PLAYS SOUTH ENGLAND**  
London, September 16. Cricket close of play scores at Swansea: Glamorgan 301, South of England 301, first innings; 178 for 6, second innings. W. J. Edrich 50.

Glamorgan 220, Muncer 87, Wooler 61; Wood 3 for 24.—Reuter.

Forest Hills, September 17. Eric Sturges, trim South African, looked like the greatest foreign threat in more than a decade as he beat Earl Cochell of California in a brilliant quarter-final match of the national tennis championship.

The Johannesburg player turned back fifth seeded Cochell 6-2, 8-4, 3-6, 5-7, 6-3. It was the first match played here between amateurs since before the war.

Young Herbie Han of California also turned in sharp tennis in whipping Harry Likas, national inter-collegiate champ from San Francisco, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0. Sturges and Han will meet in one of Saturday's semi-finals.

**Hollywood Starlet**  
Gertrude (Gusie) Moran, Hollywood starlet, upset Doris Har of Florida, 6-4, 6-4, in a grand exhibition of baseline driving. Miss Har was seeded second.

Mrs. Margaret Osborne Dupont, the American Wightman Cup player, entered the semi-finals of the women's singles when she beat Miss Beverly Baker of California by 1-5, 6-2, 6-0.

Miss Louise Brough, the defending champion, also reached the semi-finals by beating Miss Virginia Wolfenden Kovacs by 3-5, 6-2.

Bob Falkenburg beat Nick Carter 6-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0 for the right to meet the Czech, Jaroslav Drobny, in the quarter-finals.—Associated Press, United Press and Reuters.

## Police Hold Swimming Meet Tonight

The Hong Kong Police Sports Association will be holding its annual swimming sports tonight at 9 p.m. in the V.R.C. bath.

Dancing will follow after the presentation of prizes by Mrs. D. F. Landale.

The events are:  
Inter division 50 yards back stroke, Boys and girls, 25 yards handup, 100 yards breast stroke, 100 yards medley, 200 yards relay, 100 yards free style, 200 yards breast stroke, 200 yards freestyle, Egg and spoon novelty, Exhibition diving, 50 yards on back race, Inter division 150 yards medley, V.R.C. members 100 yards free style, Inter division 50 yards free style, Ladies' candle race, Inter division 50 yards breast stroke, Water Polo.

## Post For Greene

Philadelphia, September 15. The National Boxing Association today created the position of Commissioner for Professional Boxing and named Abe Greene of Paterson, New Jersey, to the post.

Mr. Greene, President of the NBA for the past seven years, will hold in boxing a position similar to that in baseball of Mr. A. B. Chandler, Baseball Commissioner.

His exact duties were not divulged, but it was believed that NBA would give Mr. Greene considerable power to enforce a programme of strict regulation of boxing.—United Press.

**Fight Recognised**  
The European Boxing Union has recognised the fight between Dick Turpin, British middleweight champion, and Lucien van der Vliet, Dutch champion at Birmingham on September 27 as an eliminator for the European championship.—Reuter.

**HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER INJURED**  
Philadelphia, September 17. Bill "Chicken" Thompson, Philadelphia heavyweight, was injured last night when he was knocked out in the eighth round of the bout with Johnny Haynes of New York.

Physicians at the US Naval Hospital said his condition was very serious.—United Press.

**WOODCOCK TRAINING**  
Dorchester, England, September 16. Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight champion, training for a fight with American Lee Comer on September 21, sparred six rounds on Tuesday for newspapermen.

The Englishman, who has not fought for 17 months, impressed critics with his fast feet leads and the accuracy and power of his right.—Associated Press.

## Well-Known Race Horse Gambler Dies

London, September 17. News was received in London today of the death in India of one of the most spectacular gamblers the English turf has known.

He was Armenian-born, J. C. Galstain.

In four years of tremendous wagering, he tried to break records for bookmakers. He failed and after a series of high court action, returned to Calcutta. He came to Britain on his second visit—in 1910 and began betting on a scale which shook the turf.

His method was to buy a horse near the top class and run it in the lowest grade of selling races. In 1921 he rode one of his own horses at the Derby, King Sol, in a match against Sir George Beaumont, Leicestershire, against him, riding his favourite colt Mungo.

King Sol, whom Galstain had backed heavily at almost prohibitive odds-on, was beaten. From then on he met a series of defeats. He began to borrow, mortgaging his Indian properties. Later, the Maharajah of Gwalior lent him £25,000.

Almanac ruined. Galstain began cycling in June and again and a considerable fortune, but although he continued to bet and race in India, he did not return to this country.

Galstain had a terrible admiration for Steve Danaghis. He was reputed to have been the first to raise the cry which became a catch-word—"Come on Steve"—Reuter.

## Hansenne's Last International

Paris, September 16. Marcel Hansenne, the French champion runner and record holder for the 800, 1,000 and 1,500 metres, announced today that the match to be held at the Colombes Stadium here next Sunday will be his last international competition.

Hansenne said he can no longer find time to devote to training for international matches, but will race occasionally for his club when work permits. However, he had definitely given up all idea of international or championship competitions.

Hansenne has represented France 10 times. The record is held by J. Noel and P. Winter, who were each chosen for France 42 times.—Reuter.

## ATOMIC ENERGY TO AID FARMER

Boltsville, Md., Sept. 17. Atomic energy some day may help farmers cut their big fertilizer bills.

In fact, Agriculture Department scientists believe that experiments with radioactive isotopes from atomic energy plants may work great changes in future farming.

It is too early to tell how much or how soon. But soil scientists say they are encouraged by progress in their small scale experiments here at the Agriculture Department's plant industry research station.

The idea is to find out precisely how well a plant makes use of fertilizer in the soil. Hitherto that was impossible.

But, now scientists take phosphorus which has been charged with radioactive isotopes at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., Atomic energy plant. The charged phosphorus is mixed with ordinary phosphorus compounds used in fertilizers. A thumbtack is enough for 30 tons of fertilizer.

Now the scientists are set to trace the phosphorus. As the plant grows and uses the phosphorus, it is traced by measuring the plant's radioactivity.

Since farmers spend about US\$774,000,000 a year for commercial fertilizer, of which US\$200,000,000 is for phosphorus, more efficient use of the fertilizer could result in savings to the farmer.

Dr. Lyle Alexander, director of the experiments, says that even if we cut the total fertilizer bill by one per cent, it will more than pay for the entire programme.

When the phosphorus projects are more advanced, the scientists hope to experiment with other fertilizer elements, such as lime. Then they will study what effect insect-killing compounds—such as DDT—have on plants and soil.

## Compleat Anglers



## Yankees Split Double-Header

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The New York batting power asserted itself with a walk and two singles tied the score and Johnny Lindell hit a two-run double.

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**Britannia Shield Competition**  
London, September 16. The swimming events in the Britannia Shield competition were decided at Eltham Baths tonight.

The winners were: 200 yards back stroke—Avercrafsman; 33 Manley (Britain) in two minutes 27.9 seconds.

200 yards free style—Private J. Borchel (France) in two minutes 36 seconds.

100 yards back stroke—F/L L.S. Lumsdaine (Britain) in 57 seconds.

100 yards breast stroke—Private G. J. Van Rooy (Netherlands) in 1:12.5 seconds.

100 yards free style—Private H. Pisel (France) in 1:12.5 seconds.

The results of the swimming events were: First France with 35 points; Second: Netherlands with 31; Third: Britain 27; Fourth: Norway 18; and Fifth: Belgium with 11 points.

The Shield placings after four events (cross country, fencing, shooting and swimming). First: France 100 points; Second: Britain 75; Third: Belgium 71; Fourth: Netherlands 67; and Fifth: Norway with 54 points.—Reuter.

## Sevens-A-Side Results

The quarter-finals and semi-finals of the Sevens-A-Side competition for the Stanley Shield at Causeway Bay yesterday provided spectators with some keen and interesting football.

St. Joseph's, by beating Le Salle 3-1 in the semi-final, will be playing St. Stephen's, who beat King George V School by 4-0, in the final on Sunday next at the Club Ground.

Yesterday's result were: Le Salle beat Van 3-0; St. Joseph's beat Queen's College 1-0; St. Stephen's beat King George V School 1-0; King George V School beat Chi Hang 2-0.

**BAUMA BREAKS RECORD**  
Vienna, September 16. The Austrian woman athlete Hanna Bauma, Olympic Games javelin throwing champion, set up a new world record for the event during a meeting between Austria and Czechoslovakian women here today.

Her throw was 159 feet 6 1/2 inches, which beat the previous world record of 154 feet 10 1/2 inches, set up in 1942.

When Miss Bauma won the Olympic title in London, she broke the Olympic record with a throw of 149 feet 6 inches.—Reuter.

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**EQUALS RECORD**  
Valneakoski, Finland, September 16. Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen of Holland, who established herself as the greatest woman athlete in the world during the Olympic Games, equalled the world record for the 80 metres hurdles during an athletic meeting here today with a time of 1.12 seconds.

The world record was set up during the Olympic Games at Wembley, when Mrs. Koen beat the British girl, Maureen Gardner, by inches and both clocked the same time.

Mrs. Koen also won the 100 metres event today in 11.8 seconds, which was one tenth of a second better than the time with which she won the Olympic title.

It was stated that Mrs. Koen will leave for a tour of Australia next January with her husband and children.—Reuter.

**Football Results**  
London, September 16. Football results:  
FIRST DIVISION  
Chelsea 2, Charlton 1; 2. Third Division, Southern  
Leyton Orient 2, Swansea 1; Newport 1, Reading 1; Northampton 2, Southend U. 1; Walsall 0, Bournemouth 0.

THIRD DIVISION, NORTHERN  
Carlisle United 1, Rochdale 1.

**Rugby Results**  
London, September 16. Rugby League Yorkshire Cup, first round second leg: Yorkshire County Amateurs 0, Huddersfield 61—(Yorkshire County Amateurs eliminated).

Rugby League Lancashire Cup, second round first leg: Leigh 10, Warrington 15.

Rugby Union Stroud 3, Gloucester 2.—Reuter.

**YUGOSLAVIA QUARANTINED**  
Prague, September 16. Yugoslavia disclosed today that the Cominform countries declared a sports quarantine against her and cancelled three scheduled competitions.

The Belgrade Communist Organ, Borba, said that since the Budapest meeting, Czechoslovakia cancelled the return football match, scheduled to be played in Belgrade, Hungary withdrew her track team from the Yugoslav meet and Bulgaria has withdrawn from the Belgrade track and field competition.—United Press.

**BLACK'S FIGHT FOR LIFE**  
Cleveland, September 15. Don Black, Cleveland "Alcohol Anonymous" pitcher stricken with brain hemorrhage, showed improvement in his fight for life today. His physician, Dr. Spencer, said Black's condition "is much more encouraging."

He is more conscious and is able to take nourishment. There is no evidence of paralysis or likelihood of paralysis.—Dr. Spencer said.—United Press.

## Hong Kong Marks Moon Festival With Lavishness

One of the principal festivals—the Mid-Autumn festival—in the lunar calendar was celebrated in Hong Kong last night by the local Chinese community.

Chinese households burned joss-sticks, joss-paper and paid homage before the full moon, reputed to be at its zenith and fairer last night than at any other time of the year.

Chinese restaurants and tea houses were packed to overflowing by dinner parties given by those whose homes were in the villages. Local residents held parties at their own homes at which all relatives present in the Colony were present.

Carrying lighted paper lanterns, made in the form of aeroplanes, boats, fish, birds, etc., many children were seen parading the streets, gardens, and roof tops.

**Evening Together**  
Families spent the evening in gardens, on terraces and on roof tops watching the full moon. Others flocked to the waterfront and thronged the piers.

To the businessmen yesterday was a day of settlement as far as financial obligations were concerned.

Many interconnections have been given to the origin of the festival. The more popular and romantic version follows:

Thousands of years ago, there lived a very pious king named Hsu Ngai, who was also a famous archer. He was given a pill of immortality by a Fairy Goddess for his piety and prowess. At the time the pill was given to him Hsu Ngai was informed that before taking it, he should place it in an incense urn. He was also instructed to kneel before the urn and pray until a bright glow should radiate from the pill, when it was to be placed in his mouth and swallowed.

It is said that after many days and nights of constant praying Hsu Ngai became tired.

His wife, Sheung Ngo, who was famed for her beauty, repeatedly implored him to rest while she carried on with the prayers, to which entreaties Hsu Ngai finally succumbed.

Shortly after taking over the task, Sheung Ngo observed a bright glow coming from the pill. Unable to check her curiosity, she took up the pill. Noting its pleasant aroma, she placed it on the tip of her tongue to taste. Instantly, she swallowed the pill. Becoming alarmed, she began to rush about and cry for help.

Hsu Ngai, awakened from his slumbers and learning the cause of the commotion, started to pursue Sheung Ngo, who suddenly disappeared into space. Hoping to bring her down to earth, Hsu Ngai shot an arrow after her. The arrow became entangled in Sheung Ngo's hair and carried her to the moon.

Full of grief Hsu Ngai hurried to the Fairy Goddess with his tale of woe. Taking pity on him, the Fairy Goddess gave him an elixir pill, but instead of going to the moon where he hoped to find Sheung Ngo, he went to the sun.

**Startles US**  
Before the Republican national convention at Philadelphia President Truman feared western states. He startled the country with caustic comment about Congress. This helped to undermine presidential or vice-presidential prospects of such Republicans as Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, speaker of the House Mr. Joseph Martin Jr., of Massachusetts and floor leader in the House Mr. Charles A. McNamara of Indiana.

In his acceptance address at the Democratic conference July 16, Truman dramatised his differences with the Republican-controlled Congress by a detailed denunciation of its failures and by announcement that he would call an extra session.

At the extra session, the Republican leaders selected the main features of Truman's anti-inflation programme. But, the few enactments strictly in line with Republican economic doctrine, and possibly raised the disapproval of the public by inadequate measures to curb the inflation.

Previously it had been the scene of many British championships. A. Associated Press.

**TO RESTORE PRINCE'S LINKS**  
Sandwich, England, September 16. Prince's golf course, one of Britain's best championship links, will be restored shortly.

It was badly damaged during the war by enemy bombing and used by British troops. It has not been used for golf since 1939.

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**ISRAEL TEAM**  
Philadelphia, September 15. A soccer team representing the new nation of Israel will play a US Olympic team here on October 14.

Harry S. Sykes, chairman of the Children's Committee sponsoring the event, said the Israel squad is composed of army veterans on furlough.—Associated Press.

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